

<b><u>Subject:</u></b>	Transport of Dangerous Goods: New Lithium Battery Packing Instructions and Transitional Period
<b><u>Date:</u></b>	04 January 2013
<b><u>Reference:</u></b>	LA/C-OPS/RDA/2013-0024
<b><u>Amends:</u></b>	2013 - 2014 Edition of the ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air
<b><u>Applicability:</u></b>	All aeroplane and helicopter Commercial Air Transport (CAT) operators transporting lithium batteries
<b><u>References:</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air Doc 9284 AN/905</li><li>• ICAO Guidance document New Lithium Battery Packing Instructions and Recommended Transitional Period</li></ul>

### **Description:**

**This Information Notice contains information that is for guidance and/or awareness.**

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## **1 Introduction**

The 2013 - 2014 Edition of the ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air implements significant changes to:

- Packing Instruction 965 which applies to lithium ion cells and batteries;
- Packing Instruction 968 which applies to lithium metal cells and batteries.

These changes are expected to impact a large number of cell and battery shipments.

## **2 Transitional period to new requirements**

To facilitate the transition to the new requirements in Packing Instructions 965 and 968, ICAO recommends that aviation authorities provide for a transitional period to 31 January 2013, to enable packages prepared for transport in December 2012 in accordance with the 2011-2012 Edition of the Technical Instructions to continue in transport.

The transitional period also will provide shippers of lithium batteries adequate time to make the necessary changes to their packaging and logistics operations in order to comply with the new requirements in the 2013 - 2014 Edition of the Technical Instructions.

**The Belgian CAA recognizes this transitional period to 31 January 2013.**

From 1 February 2013 the lithium battery packages offered for transport must be prepared in accordance with the 2013-2014 Edition of the Technical Instructions.

### 3 Queries

3.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be addressed to the BCAA Dangerous Goods Coordinator at the following e-mail address: [remko.dardenne@mobilif.fgov.be](mailto:remko.dardenne@mobilif.fgov.be).

3.2 Otherwise, queries should be addressed to the Operations Department at the following e-mail address: [ops.queries@mobilif.fgov.be](mailto:ops.queries@mobilif.fgov.be).

### 4 Cancellation

4.1 This Information Notice shall remain in force until 1 February 2013.

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