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## **Dangerous Goods Advisory Circular      DGAC 3/2008**

### **Application of Special Provisions (SP) A123 to Battery Contained in Equipment**

#### **Background**

It has recently come to the attention of this Dangerous Goods Office that some general air cargo consignments in Hong Kong with battery contained in equipment had been claimed as SP A123 compliant. However, it was found that these cargo consignments had never been prepared with the battery disconnected from the equipment and the exposed battery terminals protected as in accordance with the SP A123 requirements.

It is also not uncommon to find that airlines or freight forwarders would, depending on the capacity or size of the battery, determine that disconnection of the battery is not required.

#### **Reminder**

Since it is difficult (or in fact inappropriate) for airlines or freight forwarders to determine on behalf of the Shipper that a battery is not having a potential of dangerous evolution of heat, it is the view of this Dangerous Goods Office that *“unless the Shipper confirms that the battery is having no potential of dangerous evolution of heat, all batteries under the provisions of SP A123 must be disconnected and with the exposed battery terminals protected”*.

Should you have any query about this circular, please contact Safety Officers (Dangerous Goods) at 2182 1221 or 2182 1214.

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