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Dangerous Goods Advisory Circular DGAC 2/2014

Prevention of Undeclared Lithium Batteries Shipment in Consolidated Consignments

Undeclared Lithium Batteries

Recently, some air cargo **consolidated consignments** shipped from Hong Kong were found containing undeclared lithium batteries, lithium batteries packed with equipment and lithium batteries contained in equipment. The manifests of these consolidated consignments were described as **leather case**, **plastic cover**, **screen guard**, **LED light**, **wheel chair or sweater** without listing out all the items contained therein.

Preventive Measure

As stipulated in the current Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air issued by the International Civil Aviation Organization, the air cargo industry is reminded that **consolidated consignments may contain hidden dangerous goods (DG)**. Staff of airlines, handling agents and freight forwarders are strongly urged to exercise **extra vigilance** during acceptance of **consolidated consignments**, and to seek confirmation from shippers or to conduct appropriate checking of the shipments if DGs are suspected to be contained therein. In case undeclared DG is found, the consignment must not be accepted for air transport and the record and the related shipping documents of the rejected shipment shall be preserved for at least 6 months for inspection.

Should you have any query about this circular, please contact Safety Officers (Dangerous Goods) at 2910 6981 or 2910 6982.

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