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This International Standard also applies to lithium polymer cells and batteries, which are considered either as primary lithium-metal cells and batteries or as secondary lithium-ion cells and batteries, depending on the nature of the material used in the negative electrode.

The history of transporting primary and secondary lithium cells and batteries is worth noting. Since the 1970s, over ten billion primary lithium cells and batteries have been transported, and since the early 1990s, over one billion secondary (rechargeable) lithium cells and batteries utilizing a lithium-ion system have been transported. As the number of primary and secondary lithium cells and batteries to be transported is increasing, it is appropriate to also include in this standard the safety testing of packaging used for the transportation of these products.

This International Standard specifically addresses the safety of primary and secondary lithium cells and batteries during transport and also the safety of the packaging used.

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- a) Suppression des treillis métalliques dans l'évaluation des critères d'essai pour une explosion;
- b) Extension / modification des paramètres de l'essai de chocs, de façon à obtenir un comportement constant d'énergie pour les grandes batteries, ainsi que des explications dans la nouvelle Annexe A;

- c) Modification de la méthode de court-circuit externe, de façon à pouvoir appliquer le court-circuit à de grandes batteries après leur retrait de la chambre thermique;
- d) Diminution du diamètre d'élément de 20 mm à 18 mm, en faisant la distinction entre l'essai d'impact et l'essai d'écrasement;
- e) Ajout de contenu possible de certificat de transport.

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INTRODUCTION

Les piles au lithium ont d'abord été introduites dans les applications militaires dans les années 1970. À cette époque, elles présentaient peu d'intérêt commercial et il n'existait aucune norme industrielle. En conséquence, le Comité d'Experts du Transport des Marchandises Dangereuses de l'Organisation des Nations Unies, bien que se référant habituellement aux normes industrielles pour les essais et les critères d'acceptation, a introduit un sous-paragraphe dans le Manuel d'épreuves et de critères, traitant des essais de sécurité relatifs aux transports des piles au lithium. Pendant ce temps, l'intérêt commercial des piles et des accumulateurs au lithium s'est développé et plusieurs normes industrielles ont vu le jour. Bien que les normes IEC existantes soient nombreuses, elles ne sont pas complètement harmonisées et ne traitent pas nécessairement du transport. Elles ne sont pas appropriées pour être utilisées comme source de référence dans le Règlement type des Nations Unies. En conséquence, la présente norme groupée de sécurité a été établie afin d'harmoniser les essais et les exigences concernant le transport.

La présente Norme internationale s'applique aux piles et aux accumulateurs contenant du lithium sous quelque forme que ce soit: lithium-métal, alliage de lithium ou ion-lithium. Les piles utilisent des systèmes électrochimiques à base de lithium-métal et d'alliage de lithium comme électrode négative. Les accumulateurs utilisent les systèmes électrochimiques ion-lithium mettant en œuvre des composés d'intercalation (le lithium intercalé existant sous forme ionique ou quasi atomique dans la trame du matériau de l'électrode) dans les électrodes positives et négatives.

La présente Norme internationale s'applique également aux éléments et aux batteries de piles et d'accumulateurs au lithium polymère, qui sont définis soit comme des piles au lithium-métal, soit comme des accumulateurs ion-lithium selon la nature du matériau utilisé dans l'électrode négative.

L'histoire du transport des éléments et des batteries de piles et d'accumulateurs au lithium mérite d'être notée. Depuis les années 1970, plus de 10 milliards de piles au lithium ont été transportées, et depuis le début des années 1990 plus de 1 milliard d'accumulateurs au lithium utilisant le système ion-lithium ont été transportés. Le nombre de piles et d'accumulateurs à transporter étant en augmentation, il est également souhaitable d'inclure, dans la présente norme, les essais de sécurité des emballages utilisés pour le transport de ces produits.

La présente Norme internationale concerne spécifiquement la sécurité des piles et des accumulateurs au lithium pendant le transport ainsi que la sécurité des emballages utilisés.

Le Manuel d'épreuves et de critères [12]¹ de l'Organisation des Nations Unies fait la distinction entre les éléments et les batteries au lithium-métal et à l'alliage de lithium d'une part, et les éléments et les batteries ion-lithium et au lithium polymère, d'autre part. Tout en définissant que les éléments et les batteries au lithium-métal et à l'alliage de lithium peuvent constituer des piles ou des accumulateurs, il définit toujours les éléments et les batteries ion-lithium comme des accumulateurs. Cependant, les méthodes d'essai spécifiées dans le Manuel d'épreuves et de critères de l'ONU sont identiques tant pour les éléments et les batteries d'accumulateurs au lithium-métal et à l'alliage de lithium que pour les éléments et les batteries d'accumulateurs ion-lithium et au lithium polymère. Ce concept n'est nécessaire que pour différencier les assemblages de petites batteries des assemblages de grandes batteries. Les assemblages de batteries constitués à partir de batteries (piles ou accumulateurs) au lithium-métal et à l'alliage de lithium sont différenciés par le contenu total de lithium de toutes les anodes (mesuré en grammes). Les assemblages de batteries constitués à partir de batteries ion-lithium ou au lithium polymère sont différenciés par leur énergie «nominale» (mesurée en wattheure).

¹ Les chiffres entre crochets se réfèrent à la Bibliographie.

SÉCURITÉ DES PILES ET DES ACCUMULATEURS AU LITHIUM PENDANT LE TRANSPORT

1 Domaine d'application

La présente Norme internationale spécifie les méthodes d'essai et les exigences pour les éléments et les batteries de piles et d'accumulateurs au lithium afin de s'assurer de leur sécurité pendant les opérations de transport autres que celles relatives à leur recyclage ou leur mise au rebut. Les exigences spécifiées dans la présente norme ne s'appliquent pas aux cas pour lesquels des dispositions spéciales prévues dans les réglementations applicables, énumérées en 7.3, accordent des exemptions.

NOTE Différentes normes peuvent s'appliquer aux systèmes de batteries de traction ion-lithium utilisés pour les véhicules routiers électriques.

2 Références normatives

Le présent document ne contient aucune référence normative.