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Safety advice

Lithium ion batteries, classified as UN 3481, class 9 that are used as retrofit kits for e.g. electronic bikes are <u>forbidden for dangerous goods</u> <u>transport by air</u>, if the retrofit kit is designed in a way, where it has to be considered as being in operation.

Consequently, packing instruction 967 (ICAO-TI) cannot be applied, since it is clearly ascertained that:

- Each battery containing cells or a series of cells connected in parallel <u>must</u> be equipped with an effective means, as necessary, to prevent dangerous reverse current flow (e.g. diodes, fuses) and external short circuits.
- 2. The equipment <u>must</u> be secured against movement within the outer packaging and be packed so as to prevent accidental operation during air transport.

<u>Lithium batteries that have the potential of producing a dangerous evolution of heat, fire or short circuit are forbidden for dangerous goods transport by air.</u>

Until definite technical clarification, it has to be assumed that such retrofit kits are <u>forbidden for dangerous goods transport by air</u>.

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