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## Equivalency Certificate

(Approval issued by the competent authority of Canada)

**Certificate No.:** SU 14880

**Certificate Type:** 48N

**Certificate Holder:** COSTHA  
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Glens Falls, New York 12801  
USA

**Mode of Transport:** Road, Rail, Marine

**Effective Date:** April 1, 2025

**Expiry Date:** April 30, 2030

### LEGEND

For the purposes of this equivalency certificate, documents referred to by an abbreviation have the following meaning:

***TDG Act:*** *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992*

***TDG Regulations:*** *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations*

***CGSB-43.145:*** *National Standard of Canada CGSB-43.145, "Design, manufacture and use of large packagings for the transportation of dangerous goods, classes 3, 4, 5, 6.1, 8, and 9", April 2019, published by the Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB)*

***CGSB-43.150:*** *National Standard of Canada CGSB-43.150, "Design, manufacture and use of UN Standardized drums, jerricans, boxes, bags, combination packaging, composite packaging and other packagings for the transport of dangerous goods, classes 3, 4, 5, 6.1, 8, and 9", March 2020, published by the Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB)*

***UN Recommendations:*** *"Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods", published by the United Nations (UN), as amended from time to time*

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**Manual of Tests and Criteria:** “*Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Manual of Tests and Criteria*”, published by the United Nations (UN), as amended from time to time

**NOTES**

**Note 1:** Subsection 31(4) of the *TDG Act* stipulates that any non-compliance with the conditions of this equivalency certificate will result in the provisions of the *TDG Act* and *TDG Regulations* to apply as though this equivalency certificate did not exist.

**Note 2:** This equivalency certificate provides no regulatory relief other than specifically stated herein. Therefore, all other requirements of the *TDG Act* and the *TDG Regulations* apply.

**Note 3:** No person shall use or apply this equivalency certificate, including the display of its number, when the equivalency certificate has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect. Any alteration of this equivalency certificate renders it invalid. Visit the Transport Canada website for the latest version of this equivalency certificate.

**PURPOSE**

*(The following is for information purposes only and is not part of the certificate.)*

This equivalency certificate authorizes the transport of lithium metal or lithium-ion cells or batteries in means of containment prescribed in Packing Instruction 903 of *CGSB-43.150* or Packing Instruction LP903 of *CGSB-43.145*. Strong outer packagings, protective enclosures, pallets or handling devices are permitted via Packing Instruction 903 of *CGSB-43.150*, for small and large packagings. This reflects the allowance to use a non-specification packaging in Packing Instruction P903 of the *UN Recommendations* for new batteries.

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**CONDITIONS**

This equivalency certificate authorizes **COSTHA** (conducting business as **Council on Safe Transportation of Hazardous Articles**) to handle, offer for transport or transport, and authorizes **any person** to handle or transport on behalf of the certificate holder by road vehicle, railway vehicle, or by vessel in Canada, dangerous goods that are:

<b>UN Number</b>	<b>Shipping Name and Description</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Packing Group</b>
UN3090	LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES (including lithium alloy batteries)	9	N/A
UN3091	LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES CONTAINED IN EQUIPMENT (including lithium alloy batteries); or LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES PACKED WITH EQUIPMENT (including lithium alloy batteries)	9	N/A
UN3480	LITHIUM ION BATTERIES (including lithium ion polymer batteries)	9	N/A
UN3481	LITHIUM ION BATTERIES CONTAINED IN EQUIPMENT (including lithium ion polymer batteries); or LITHIUM ION BATTERIES PACKED WITH EQUIPMENT (including lithium ion polymer batteries)	9	N/A

in a manner that does not comply with:

- Subsection 5.12(1) of the *TDG Regulations* and
- Section 5.14 of the *TDG Regulations*,

if the following conditions are met:

**1) Classification**

- a) Each cell and battery have been determined to meet the criteria for assignment to Class 9 based on tests carried out in accordance with the *Manual of Tests and Criteria*, Part III, subsection 38.3;

**Note 1:** The terms “**cell**” and “**battery**” are defined in the *Manual of Tests and Criteria*, Part III, subsection 38.3.

**Note 2:** A “**battery module**” or “**battery pack**” is considered to be a battery.

## **2) Means of Containment**

### **Packaging with a volume less than or equal to 450 L**

- a) When the packaging has a volume less than or equal to 450 L, the dangerous goods are packaged in accordance with Packing Instruction 903 of *CGSB-43.150*;

### **Packaging with a volume greater than 450 L**

- b) When the packaging has a volume greater than 450 L, the dangerous goods are transported in accordance with;
- i) Packing Instruction 903 of *CGSB-43.150*, except for clause 1.a., or
  - ii) Packing Instruction LP903 of *CGSB-43.145*.

**Note:** *The packagings authorized in clauses 1.b., 1.c., and 1.d. of Packing Instruction 903 of CGSB-43.150 may exceed a net mass of 400 kg.*

## **3) Documentation**

- a) The shipping document that accompanies the dangerous goods contains the following information legibly and indelibly printed:
- i) **“Equivalency Certificate SU 14880”**, or
  - ii) **“Certificat d’équivalence SU 14880”**.

## **4) Training**

- a) In addition to the requirements of Part 6 (Training) of the *TDG Regulations*, the certificate holder and any person using this equivalency certificate on behalf of the certificate holder ensure that the personnel handling, offering for transport or transporting the dangerous goods are knowledgeable of the conditions of this equivalency certificate that relate directly to the person's duties.

Signature of Issuing Authority

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**Legend for Certificate Number**

SH - Road, SR - Rail, SA - Air, SM - Marine  
SU - More than one Mode of Transport  
Ren - Renewal

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