

IMDG Code for Lithium-Ion Battery Reverse Logistics

*Proposals for the Development of New UN Code Provisions
for the Maritime Transportation of Used Lithium Ion Batteries
for Reuse & Recycling Purpose*

Team **Love ReLiB**

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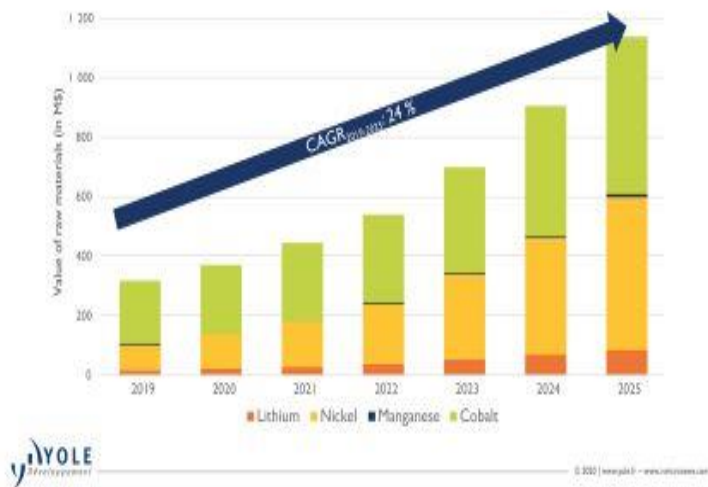
1. IMO's Objectives and Expected Benefits

[Background] Growing Usage of Reused and Recycled Lithium-Ion Batteries

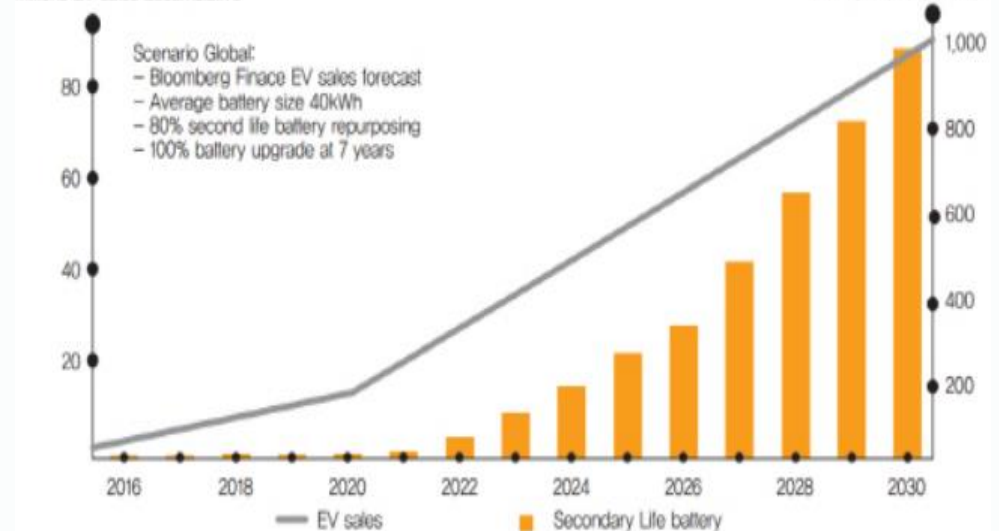
CURRENTLY 3~5% ▶ More than 50% Increase in Near Future

2019-2025 value of raw materials present in Li-ion batteries going for recycling (in \$ million)

(Source: Lithium-ion Battery Recycling Market & Technology Trends 2020 report, Yole Développement, 2020)



millions EV sales accumulative



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IMO's Objectives

Our Proposal and IMO

Understanding the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

The International Maritime Organization's objectives can be best summed up by its slogan—"Safe, secure and efficient shipping on clean oceans." Basically, the IMO sets policy for international shipping, discouraging shippers from compromising on safety, security and environmental performance to address financial concerns, and encouraging innovation and efficiency.

IMO's Strategic Plan	Indicators
SD1	Improve implementation- Assessing the effectiveness of IMO, Uniform Implementation
SD6	Ensure regulatory effectiveness (IMO,IMSAS)- Development and review of IMO regulations



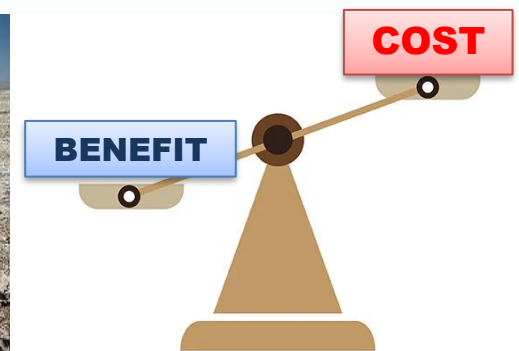
SAFE and **SUSTAINABLE** shipping
 by adopting the highest practicable standards
 of **MARITIME SAFETY**

Benefits & Importance of Reuse and Recycling

Why Need to Discuss Reuse & Recycling?

Savings from recycling cathode materials from the end-of-life LIB relative to the use of virgin materials

	Cost				Energy		CO ₂ e			
	LCO	NMC333	NMC811	LFP	LCO	LMO	LCO	NMC333	LMO	LCO
Pyrometallurgy	38%	6%	5% more		35%		70%	78%		70%
Hydrometallurgy	41%	13%	1%		38%	18%			5%	
Direct Recycling	43%	27%	16%	15%	5%	76%		94%	10%	
Virgin Raw Materials	\$ 62	\$ 45	\$ 40	\$ 32	77 MJ/kg	34 MJ/kg	200 kWh/kg material	9 kg CO ₂ /kg cell	5 kg CO ₂ /kg cell	11 kg CO ₂ /kg material
Source	[23]				[22]	[22]	[24]	[25]	[23]	[24]



- ✓ **Economic Benefits** : Lowers Manufacturing Cost ► **Cost-Benefit Analysis**
- ✓ **Environmental Benefits** : Mining, Manufacturing, & Disposal;
Disposal – Reduces Quantity of Materials going into Landfills
- ✓ **Policy Compliance** : Green New Deal Policy;
Renewable Energy needs Lots of Storage

2. Needs and Urgency

- Features of Li-Ion Batteries
- Potential Hazards of Li-Ion Battery Maritime Transportation
- Failure and Causes
- Urgency

Features of Lithium Ion Batteries

Alkali metals

Sodium, Potassium, **Lithium**,
Cesium, and Rubidium

Alkali
Metals



Water



4 Components of Lithium Ion Battery

Cathode

Anode

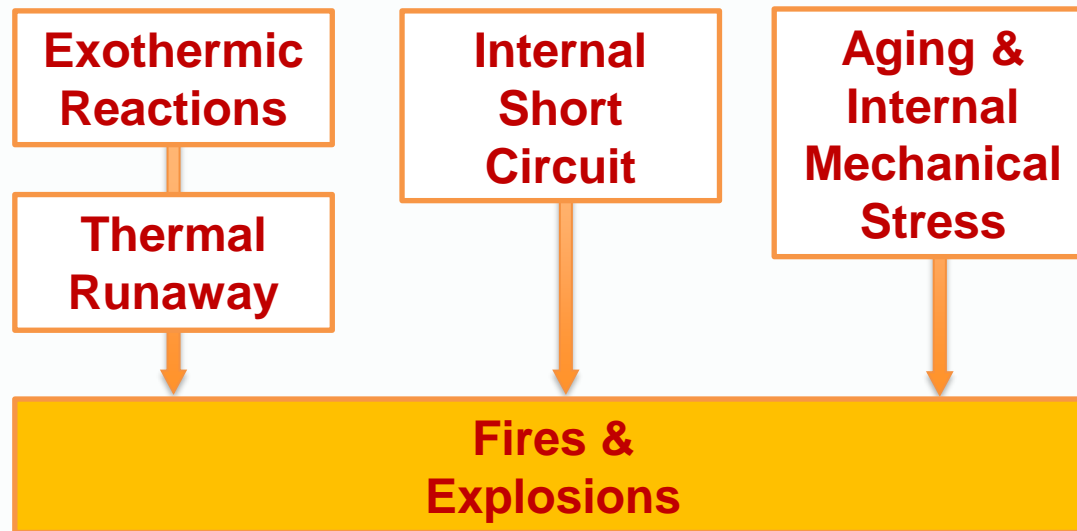
Electrolyte

Separator

Source: "Information on Alkali Metals." Stanford Environmental Health Safety iCal. Accessed September 01, 2020.
<https://ehs.stanford.edu/reference/information-alkali-metals>.

Potential Hazards of Lithium Ion Battery Maritime Transportation

<Mechanism>



Lithium Ion Battery related maritime accidents; CASES

Norwegian
Li-ion battery
powered
Ferry Fire;
2019



Container Ship
'Hyundai Fortune'
caught fire in 2006

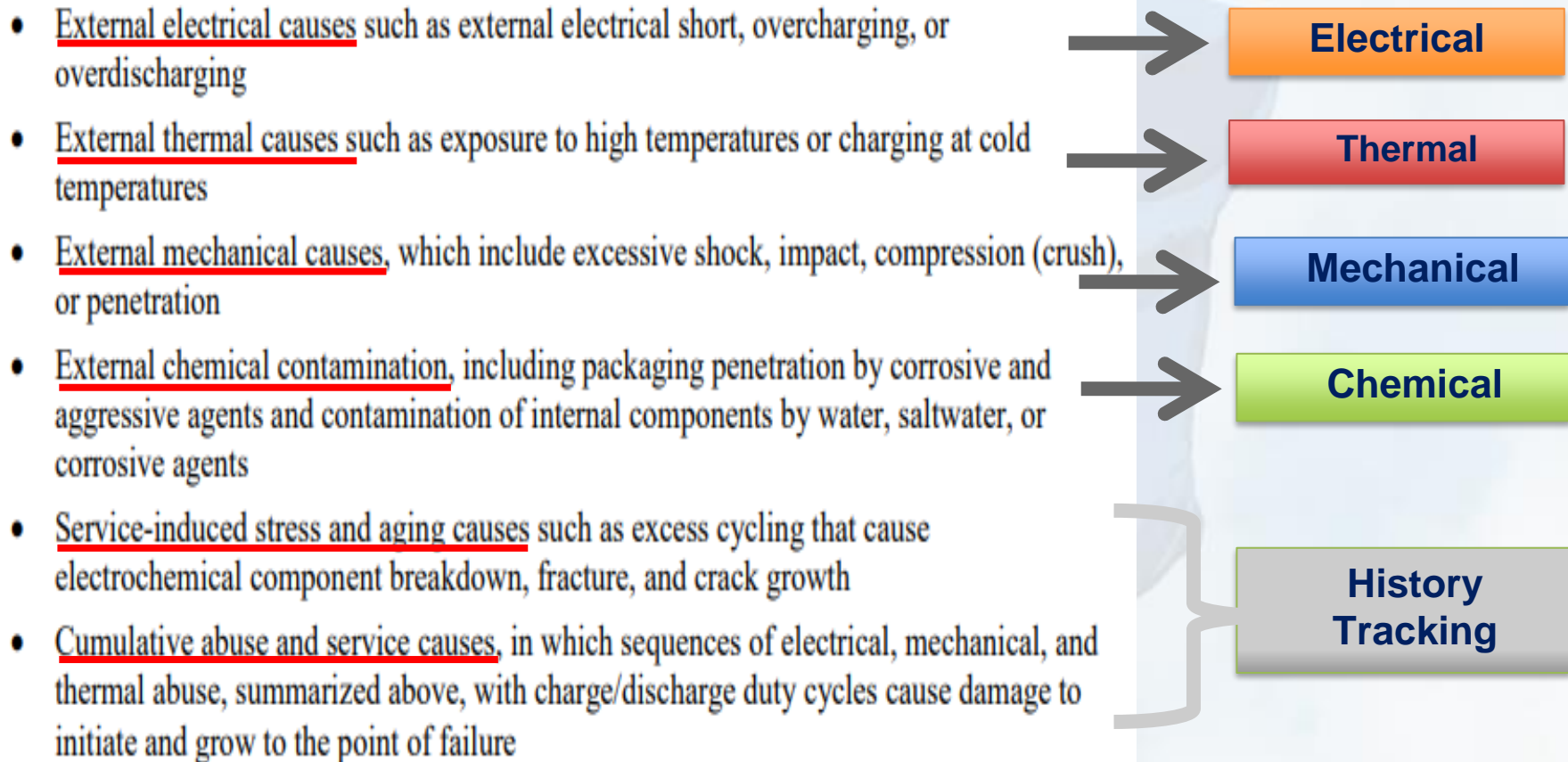


Russian
Nuclear
submarine
caught fire and
explosion



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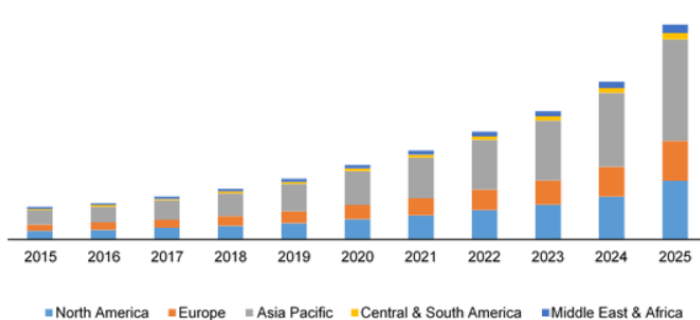
Li-Ion Battery Failure Causes



[Urgency]

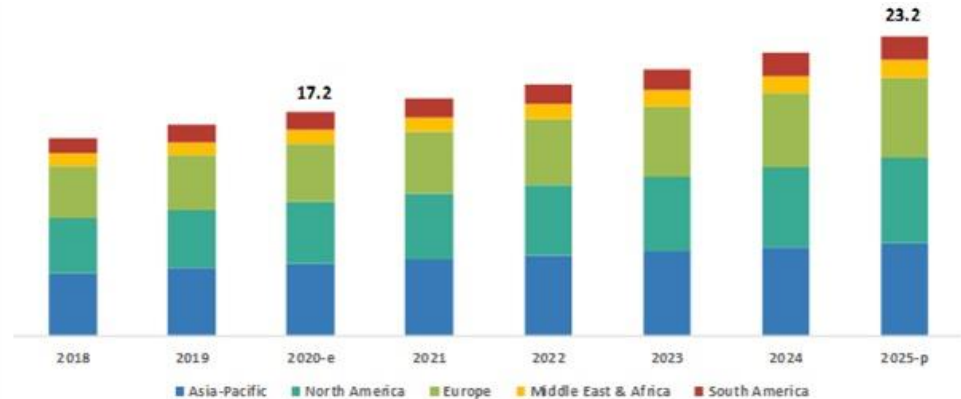
Maritime Transportation of Used Batteries for Reuse & Recycling **IN NEAR FUTURE**

Global Lithium-ion Battery Market, 2015 ~ 2025 (MWh)



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BATTERY RECYCLING MARKET, BY REGION (USD BILLION)

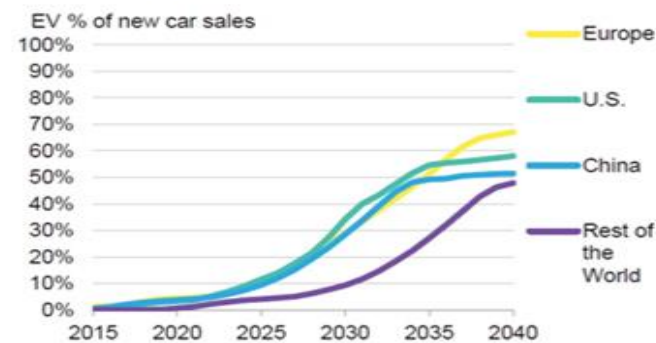


No Pre-treatment Necessary

Pre-treatment Necessary

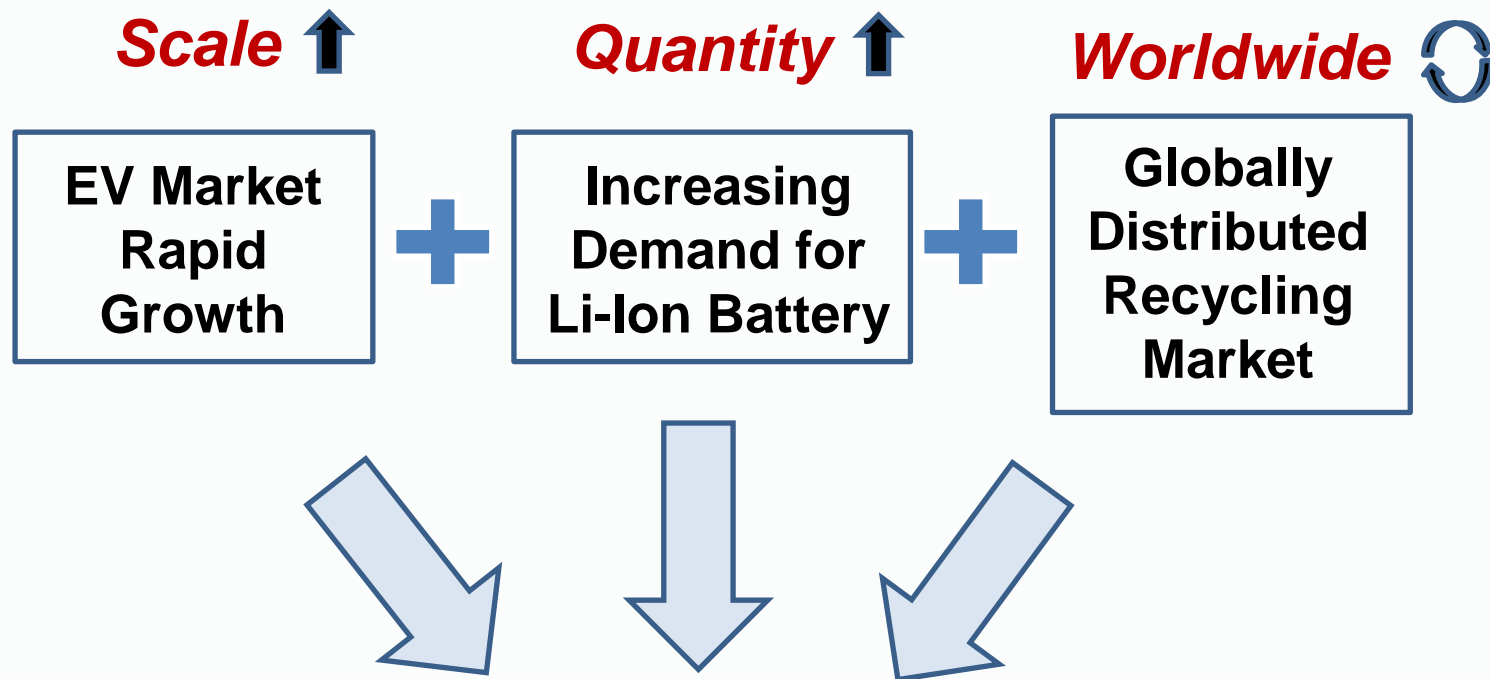


Long-term EV sales penetration by country



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance

[Urgency] Maritime Transportation of Used Batteries
for Reuse & Recycling **IN NEAR FUTURE**



**Urgent need of IMO to be engaged in SAFETY concerns
related to USED BATTERY REVERSE LOGISTICS**

3. Current State & Problems

- Current State
- Problems 1~3

IMDG Code

IMDG Code : International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code



Class	Classification
1	Explosives
2	Gases
2.1	Flammable gases
2.2	Non-flammable, non-toxic gases
2.3	Toxic gases
3	Flammable liquids
4	Flammable solids
4.1	Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and desensitized explosives
4.2	Substances liable to spontaneous combustion
4.3	Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases
5	Oxidizing substances and organic peroxides
5.1	Oxidizing substances
5.2	Organic peroxides
6	Toxic and infectious substances
6.1	Toxic substances
6.2	Infectious substances
7	Radioactive material
8	Corrosive substances
9	Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles

IMDG Code 39-18

- UN 3090; Lithium metal batteries
- UN 3480; Lithium ion batteries
- UN 3091; Lithium metal batteries contained in equipment or packed with equipment
- UN 3481; Lithium ion batteries contained in equipment or packed with equipment
- UN 3171; Battery-Powered Vehicle

IMDG Code

IMDG Code : Regulations for Pre-Recycle Battery?

Classification	Label and Mark for Lithium Battery packaging	
Special Provision SP 384		Lithium Battery Dangerous goods Label (No.9A) -IMDG Code 5.2.2.2.2
Special Provision SP 188		Lithium Battery Non-Dangerous goods Mark - IMDG Code 5.2.1.10

❖ Special Provision 377

Disposal or Recycle shall be marked on package
Shall be described on B/L

❖ PI P909

Packaging guideline for Disposal or Recycle

❖ PI P908-5

Packaging guideline for Battery with Defects



[Problem 1] Ambiguous Classification of Cathode/Anode Active Materials

Cathode 1 : LCO - Lithium **Cobalt** Oxide

Cathode 2 : NMC - Lithium Nickel **Manganese** **Cobalt** Oxide

Cathode 3 : NCA - Lithium Nickel Cobalt **Aluminum** Oxide

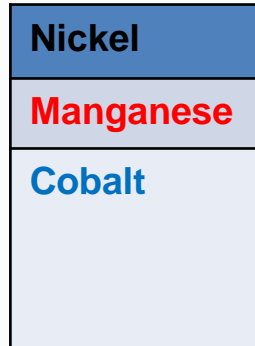
Cathode 4 : LFP - Lithium Iron **Phosphate**

Cathode 5 : LNO - Lithium **Nickel** Oxide

Cathode 6 : LMO - Lithium **Manganese** Oxide



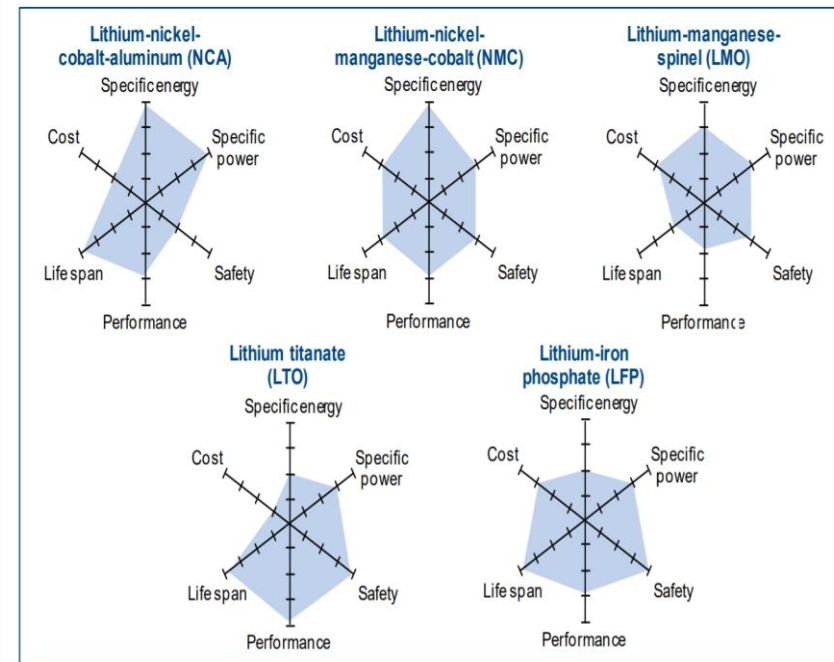
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Company 2



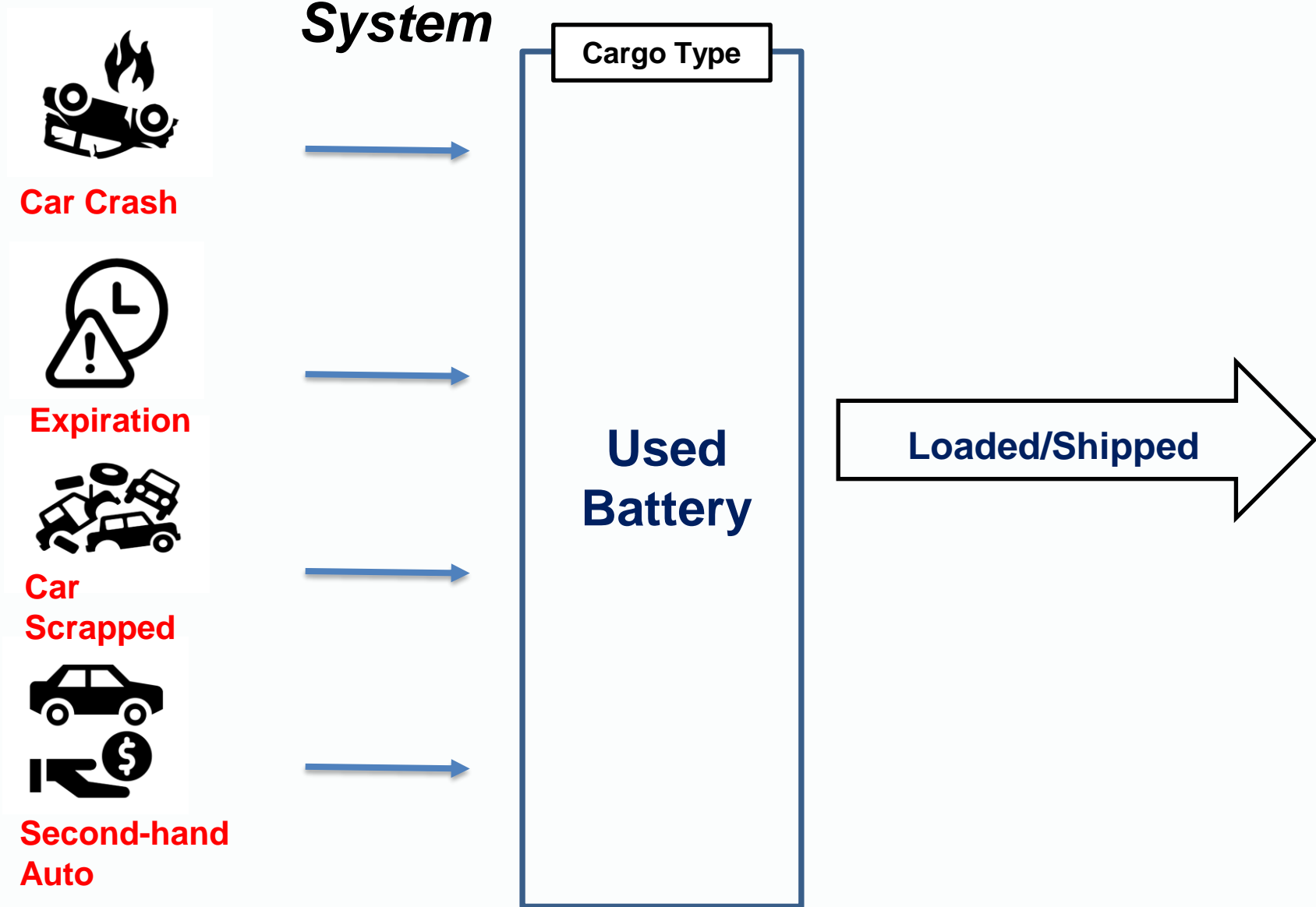
Company 3



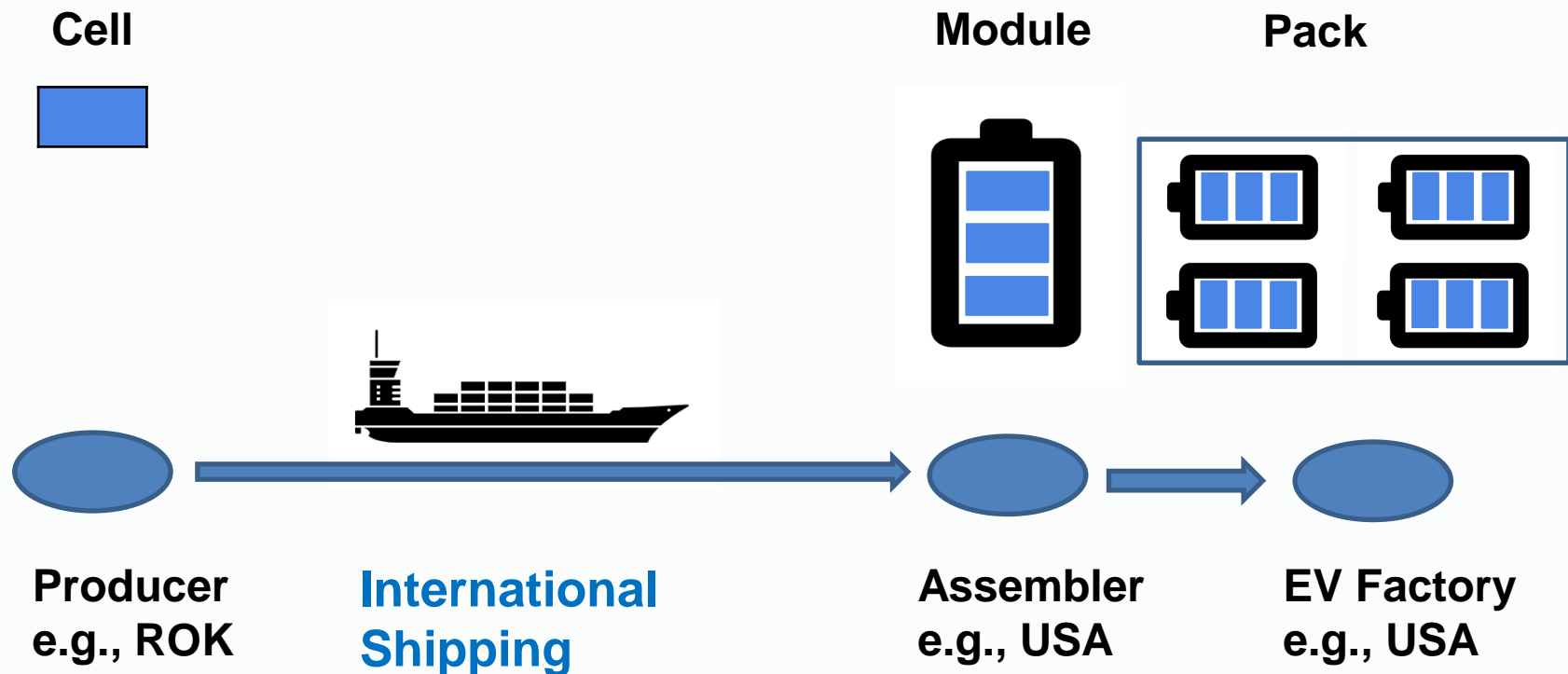
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Figure 2-4. Relative comparisons of Li-ion battery performance parameters.

[Problem 2] Lack of Used Li-Ion Battery Tracking System

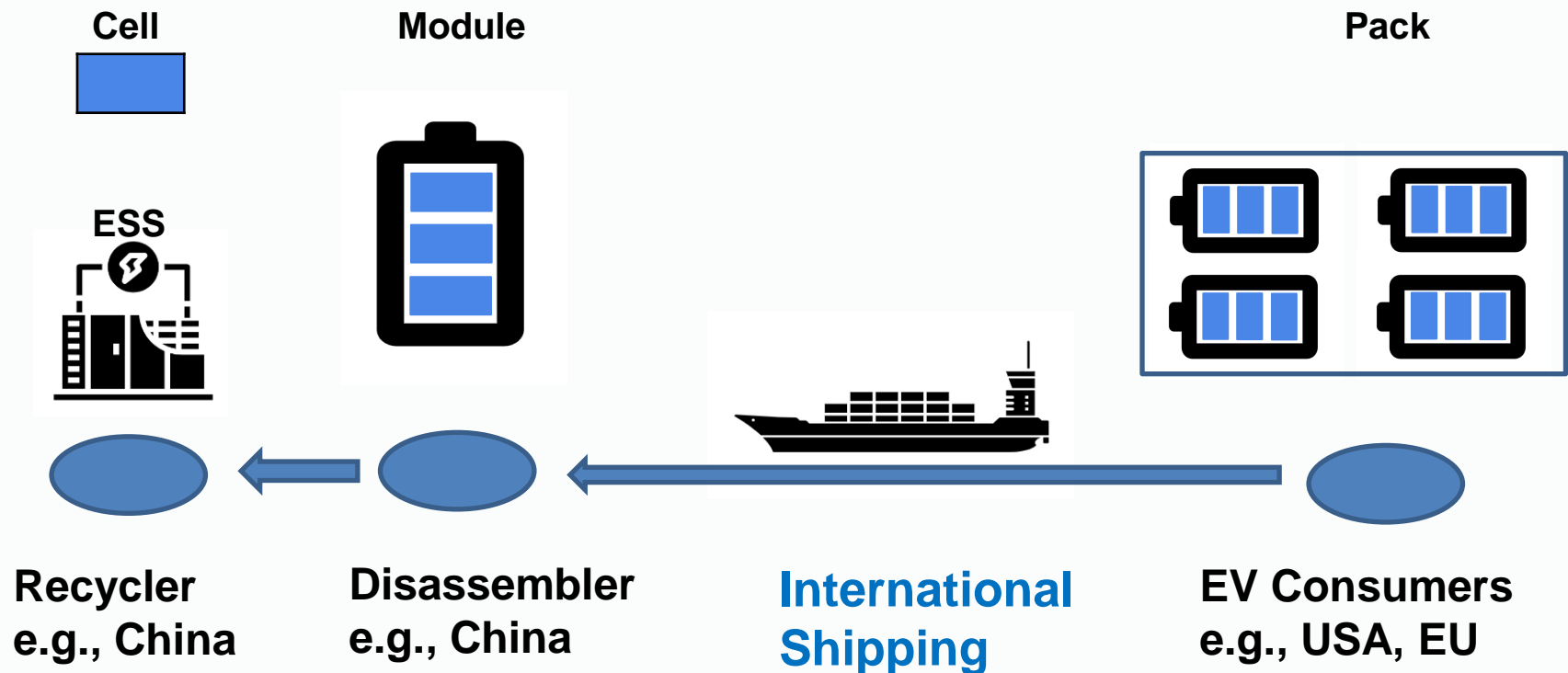


[Problem 3] Complexity and Limitation of Dismantling Li-Ion Battery Packs



< Usual Operations for Battery Production >

[Problem 3] Complexity and Limitation of Dismantling Li-Ion Battery Packs





< Operations for Battery **Reuse & Recycling** >

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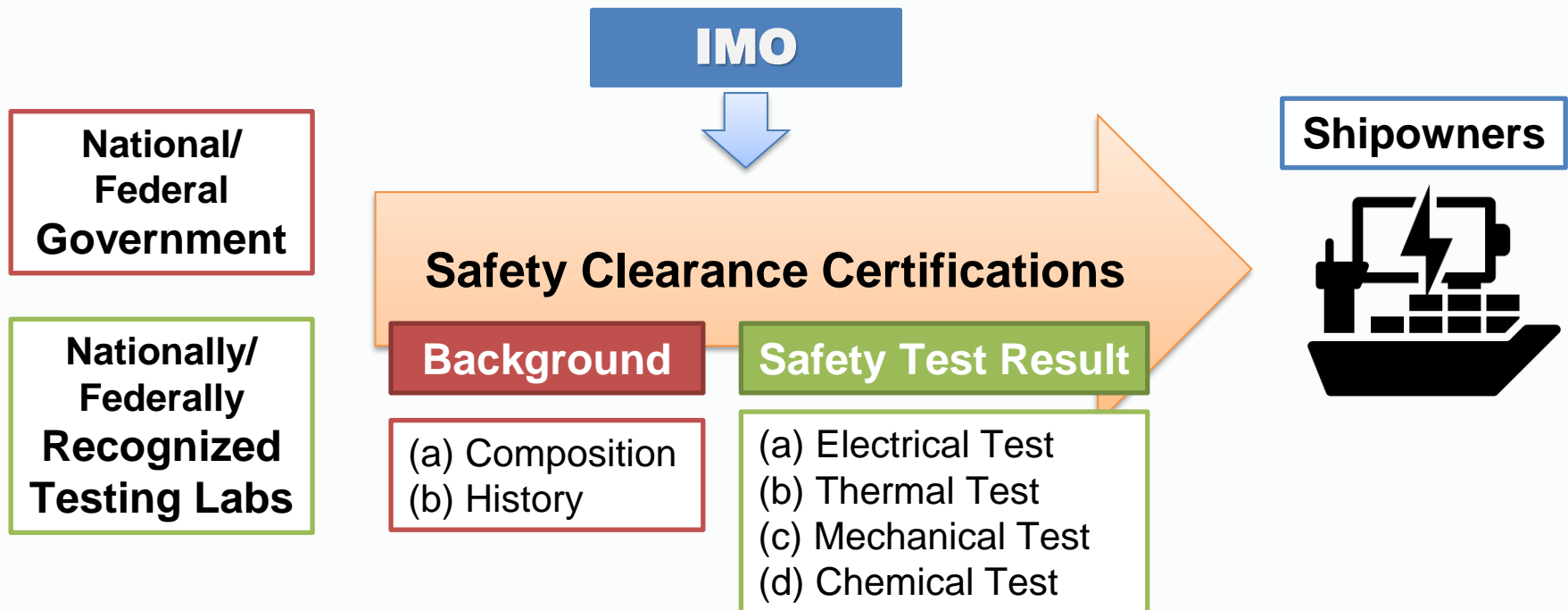
[Solution] Assigning New UN Code Provisions

UN X123 Used Lithium Ion Batteries for Reuse & Recycling Purpose (IMDG Code, Amdt 00-00)			
Proper Shipping Name (PSN)	Used Lithium Ion Batteries for Reuse & Recycling Purpose		
United Nations Number (UN No.)	X123	Class	9
Label & Placard	<div>  <div>Label (Class 9A)</div> </div> <div>  <div>Placard (Class 9)</div> </div>		
Special Provisions (SP)	Existing: 188, 230, 310, 348, 376, 377, 384, 387 (Li-Ion in general) Newly Proposed: XX1, XX2 (Used Li-Ion)		
Stowage & Segregation	Category A if Special Provisions XX1 and XX2 are both satisfied; Category D if not		
Features of Used Batteries	1. The hazards of leakage, fire, and/or explosion exist. 2. Used Li-Ion batteries are potentially damaged, with the probability depending on the causes of disposal. (e.g., accident, expiration of life-expectancy, leakage, etc.) 3. Dismantling used battery packs incorporates a complicate procedure, adding a challenge on safety inspection.		

Our Proposal: Bottom Line

New UN Code Provisions for the Maritime Transportation of Used Lithium Ion Batteries for Reuse & Recycling Purpose;

<Safety Clearance System under the Supervision of IMO>



[Solution] Assigning New UN Code Provisions

UN **X123** Used Lithium Ion Batteries for Reuse & Recycling Purpose (IMDG Code, Amdt **00-00**)

Special Provision	Content
XX1	<p>All vessels transporting used batteries for reuse and recycling shall obtain the following document, at least 14 days prior to the embarkation:</p> <p>[Background Certification]</p> <p>1) Content The final distributor shall provide following information with each used battery pack, along with proper documentation if further requested:</p> <p>(a) Composition : Physical and Electrochemical Composition <i>i) Cathode active material ii) Anode active material</i> <i>iii) Separator iv) Electrolyte</i></p> <p>(b) History : Causes and Background behind the Disposal e.g., Accident, Expiration of Life-expectancy, or Leakage</p> <p>2) Issuing Authority : National/federal government of each member state shall examine the above information and issue the certification unless a significant hazard exists.</p>

[Solution] Assigning New UN Code Provisions

UN **X123** Used Lithium Ion Batteries for Reuse & Recycling Purpose (IMDG Code, Amdt **00-00**)


Special Provision	Content
XX2	<p>All vessels transporting used batteries for reuse and recycling shall obtain the following document, at least 7 days prior to the embarkation:</p> <p>[Safety Test Result Certification]</p> <p>1) Content All used battery packs shall be subjected to and pass:</p> <p>(a) <u>Electrical Test</u> : Electrical Short, Overcharging, Over-discharging</p> <p>(b) <u>Thermal Test</u> : High Temperatures, Charging at Cold Temperatures</p> <p>(c) <u>Mechanical Test</u> : Excessive Shock, Impact, Compression</p> <p>(d) <u>Chemical Test</u> : Chemical Contamination of Internal Components</p> <p>The tests shall be conducted primarily in a <u>non-destructive way</u>.</p> <p>2) Issuing Authority : National/federal government of each member state shall issue the certification after the confirmation of test results by nationally/federally recognized testing laboratories.</p>

Conclusion



This proposal would be a commitment to **IMO's MISSION** to promote **SAFE** and **SUSTAINABLE** shipping by adopting the highest practicable standards of **MARITIME SAFETY**.

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