



DANGEROUS GOODS ADVISORY BULLETIN

Information of Concern to Air Carriers and handling agents

Subject: Transport of primary (non-rechargeable) lithium batteries and cells as cargo aboard passenger aircraft.

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To protect life and property, the United States of America have issued a rule imposing a limited prohibition on the transport of primary (non-rechargeable) lithium batteries and cells as cargo aboard passenger-carrying aircraft and equipment containing or packed with large primary lithium batteries. This rule applies to both foreign and domestic passenger-carrying aircraft entering, leaving, or operating in the United States and to persons offering primary lithium batteries and cells for transportation as cargo on any passenger-carrying aircraft. This prohibition does not affect the carriage of lithium batteries or devices containing lithium batteries that are transported in a passenger's luggage for personal use. In addition, this rule does not apply to the shipment of equipment that contains or is packed with small primary lithium batteries or to the shipment of secondary (rechargeable) lithium batteries (*e.g.*, lithium ion batteries). RSPA is also amending the Hazardous Materials Regulations (US Dangerous Goods Regulations) to require that, when offered for transport as cargo, shipments of primary lithium batteries and cells that are excepted from classification as a Class 9 (miscellaneous) hazardous material (see ICAO/IATA special Provision A45) must be marked to indicate that they are forbidden for transport aboard passenger-carrying aircraft. We expect that an additional US State Variation concerning this subject will be published in the ICAO Technical Instructions and the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations.

The effective date of these amendments is December 29, 2004.

Any further information can be found in attached documents. This bulletin can also be consulted on our website www.mobilit.fgov.be

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Attachments

- [HM-224 IFR](#)
- [FAA Lithium Battery Fire Report](#)
- [ASHIFRAA Press Release](#)