

OVERVIEW OF CHANGES EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2015

This Notice provides authorization to **commercial customers** to ship lithium ion and metal batteries by air (Xpresspost™ or Priority™ services) within Canada, with the exception of lithium metal batteries not contained in or packed with equipment which must be shipped by ground (Regular Parcel™ or Expedited Parcel™ services).

Specifically, Class 9 dangerous goods that are:

- UN3091, LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES CONTAINED IN or PACKED WITH EQUIPMENT (including lithium alloy batteries);
- UN3480, LITHIUM ION BATTERIES (including lithium ion polymer batteries);
- UN3481, LITHIUM ION BATTERIES CONTAINED IN or PACKED WITH EQUIPMENT (including lithium ion polymer batteries);

may be shipped by air by **commercial customers** within Canada.

In addition, as per Transport Canada's Regulations and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Technical Instructions:

- **UNINSTALLED** lithium (ion or metal) batteries (alone or packed with a device) or **INSTALLED exceeding 4 cells or 2 batteries** require a **lithium handling label** (see example below) and removable **lithium document** (specifying package contents, a flammability warning, special procedures and contact information).
 - When deposited at a Post Office, these items are acceptable by ground service only.
- **INSTALLED** lithium (ion or metal) batteries (**maximum 4 cells or 2 batteries**) have no labelling requirements.



All items shipped by air must be in compliance with section II of packing instructions 965, 966, 967, 969, or 970 of ICAO's *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air*, 2015-2016 Edition and Canada Post acceptance criteria.

For ground shipments, visit the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations, Schedule 2, Special Provision 34 for full regulatory requirements for exempt lithium batteries effective June 30 for all carriers.