



# Flight Safety Notification

## Dangerous Goods

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### Lithium-Ion Batteries Cargo Shipment Restrictions

#### Reason for Revision

N/A

#### Introduction

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) adopted a new aviation safety measure which prohibits, on an interim basis, all shipments of Lithium-ion batteries as cargo on passenger aircraft. This became effective 01 April 2016. This interim prohibition will continue to be in force as separate work continues through ICAO on a new lithium battery packaging performance standard, currently expected by 2018.

#### References

- (1) ICAO Press Release dated 22 February, 2016 - ICAO Council Prohibits Lithium-Ion Cargo Shipments on Passenger Aircraft.
- (2) ICAO Press Release dated 26 February, 2016 - Additional Clarifications on New Lithium Ion Shipment Restrictions.

#### Applicability

This applies to all air cargo operators, air operators and or agents acting on their behalf.

#### Effectivity

This FSN is effective immediately.

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## Definitions

N/A

## Background

This ICAO Press Release came about as a result of extensive reviews undertaken by the ICAO Air Navigation Commission, and the UN agency's Dangerous Goods, Flight Operations and Airworthiness panels.

## Action

All shipments of Lithium-ion batteries as cargo on passenger aircraft are prohibited. This does not pertain to those Lithium-ion batteries contained in personal electronic devices carried by passengers or crew. See the following for clarification:-

Passenger baggage:

- (1) Lithium-ion batteries carried by passengers in their personal electronic devices, whether in their carry-on or checked baggage, are not affected by this new restriction.
- (2) Passengers must not pack spare lithium-ion batteries in checked baggage. Spares must be packed in carry-on baggage or carried on the person.

Baggage shipped by air as cargo:

- (3) Lithium-ion batteries may no longer be packed in baggage shipped independently as cargo.
- (4) Lithium-ion batteries in mishandled baggage, or excess passenger baggage shipped as cargo, are permitted so long as they also satisfy the requirements of points 1 and 2 above.

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