

How To Ensure Lithium Battery Air Shipping Compliance For Safe Delivery

What category does lithium battery transportation belong to?

Before exploring air shipping for lithium batteries, we need to clarify a core concept: the transportation of lithium batteries is classified as [dangerous goods transport](#).

According to the "Dangerous Goods Regulations" (DGR) published by the International Air Transport Association (IATA), lithium batteries are classified as Class 9 dangerous goods (miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles). Although lithium batteries are extremely common in our daily lives, in the high-altitude environment of air transport, factors such as air pressure changes and vibration mean that improperly packaged or handled lithium batteries can easily overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire and explode.

Therefore, air shipping of lithium batteries is by no means the transport of ordinary goods; it is subject to the strictest regulations by IATA (International Air Transport Association) and ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization). Whether they are standalone batteries (PI965 Section IB/II), batteries packed with equipment (PI966), or batteries contained in equipment (PI967), they must comply with strict packaging instructions and labeling requirements.



What should shippers pay attention to when operating

lithium battery air shipping?

Due to the complexity of "lithium battery air shipping compliance", as a shipper, you must pay attention to the following compliance thresholds before shipping:

- **Complex Documentation Preparation:** You must provide authentic MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet), UN38.3 test summary, and 1.2-meter drop test reports. The watt-hour rating of the batteries must be accurately marked.
- **Strict Packaging Requirements:** You must use UN-standard dangerous goods packaging boxes and ensure that battery electrodes are effectively isolated to prevent short circuits.
- **Standardized Labeling:** The outer packaging must display the correct Class 9 dangerous goods label, handling label (Cargo Aircraft Only), and UN number.
- **Rigorous Flight Screening:** Not all airlines accept lithium battery bookings, and space is extremely tight during peak seasons. Once goods are intercepted by security due to documentation issues, it will result in high fines and delays.



Why must you find a professional dangerous goods freight forwarder?

Facing such stringent IATA regulations, many factories or foreign traders often run into obstacles when trying to operate on their own. A professional freight forwarder is not just there to "help you ship," but serves as your compliance risk firewall.

What qualifications must a good freight forwarder have for lithium battery transport?

- Possess a Dangerous Goods Transport License (DGM) issued by IATA.
- Be familiar with the latest DGR rule updates and be able to provide professional packaging appraisal and document auditing.
- Have direct signing and communication capabilities with airlines regarding dangerous goods handling.
- Possess the emergency response capability to handle unexpected situations.

SUNNY WORLDWIDE LOGISTICS: Your Trusted Expert for Lithium Battery Air Shipping Compliance

At SUNNY WORLDWIDE LOGISTICS, we know that every step of lithium battery air shipping relates to safety and timeliness. We are not just movers; we are a “regular army” with a global vision and compliance capabilities.

Addressing the needs of "lithium battery air shipping" compliance, we possess the following core characteristics:

1. Complete Qualifications, Operating as a “Regular Army”

We are not a “shell company” hidden in an “urban village,” but one of the few physical logistics enterprises in the industry. We have a listed, standardized warehouse at the maritime terminal, which fully characterizes SUNNY WORLDWIDE LOGISTICS’ strength in the foreign trade logistics industry.

Held Certificates and Association Endorsements:

Industry Certifications: Endorsed by more than 11 associations, including WCA (World Cargo Alliance), CIFA (China International Freight Forwarders Association), ISEA (International Shipping Enterprise Alliance), etc.

Regional Associations: Core member of the Shenzhen Aviation Transportation Association (Shata), possessing a deep understanding of air transport compliance.

Simply put: We are a licensed and team-equipped regular army!

2. Professional Team with Rich Lithium Battery Transport Qualifications and Experience

We have an operations team trained in IATA DGR who can accurately determine battery

types and avoid declaration risks. We know that compliance is the lifeline of transportation, so we have established a strict risk warning mechanism—this is the fundamental difference between experienced and inexperienced operators. Before the goods are shipped, we help clients audit all documents to nip risks in the bud.

3. Excellent Corporate Strength and Customer Recognition

- **Trusted by Giants:** Nearly 20 industry giants and over a hundred famous enterprises, including Huawei, Costco, and SF Express, consistently choose SUNNY WORLDWIDE LOGISTICS. This itself is the best endorsement of our dangerous goods transport capabilities.
- **Own Resources:** SUNNY WORLDWIDE LOGISTICS has its own logistics fleet and has long signed contracts with three major international shipping companies (and core aviation resources), perfectly reflecting credit credibility, service capability, and business saturation.
- **Data Transparency:** We use ERP-like software to manage inventory and share interfaces and data with clients; it is hard to find a second company domestically that does this. We are a 13-year Gold Supplier on Alibaba International Station with transparent pricing and no hidden fees.

4. Service Spirit of “Caring More Than the Shipper”

As long as you cooperate with us on a single order, you can experience our unique values. We implement on-site loading supervision and real-time tracking and feedback at all nodes. No matter when, the attention we give clients is “more than the shipper,” which is also the secret to our serving as vice presidents of 13 freight forwarding associations and possessing strong collaborative capabilities.

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Supplier Service: **Very satisfied** (5 stars)

On-time Shipment: **Very satisfied** (5 stars)



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I have done my initial order and planning to switch some of my Shipping orders to Jim's company and entrust her initial one 40ft container to be transported for me.

Our Lithium Battery Transport Cases

We have handled a large number of ordinary and conventional lithium battery export cases, each delivered safely and on time.

Case Showcase:

- **Case 1 (Electronic Accessories):** For a Shenzhen electronics company, we exported a batch of Bluetooth headphones (with built-in lithium-ion batteries) to Germany via air. We assisted the client in completing the update and audit of the MSDS and used packaging compliant with PI967 Section II, ensuring the goods cleared customs smoothly and were delivered to the Amazon warehouse within 3 days.
- **Case 2 (Pure Battery Transport):** Assisted a new energy trading company in shipping UN3480 lithium polymer batteries to the US via the belly hold of a passenger aircraft (compliant channel). We precisely handled the watt-hour declaration and packing instructions, avoiding delays caused by peak season security backlogs.

Conclusion

"Lithium battery air shipping compliance" is a highly professional task. Choosing a freight forwarding company with qualifications, strength, and proven cases is the key to success.

SUNNY WORLDWIDE LOGISTICS is not just your logistics carrier, but your foreign trade partner. If you have lithium battery air shipping needs, please rest assured to entrust them to us. We will use the strength of a "regular army" to protect your shipment.

Any other questions? Please feel free to contact us at any time! We will reply as soon as possible!

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