



New Requirements - Cell Phone Shipping

Transport Canada has modified its Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) Regulations to include Lithium-ion batteries as a Class 9 material. Lithium-ion batteries are included in cell phones and other electronics.

Short circuits can occur in lithium-ion batteries if they are improperly handled; this may cause the batteries to overheat and catch fire.

What is new?

Rechargeable lithium-ion cell phone batteries require special labeling and/or packaging when transported.

When are the special labels required?

You must use the special label when the box:

- (1) contains cell phones that include the battery inside them, i.e. a regular cell phone; and/or
- (2) contains loose cell phone batteries.

These rules are applicable to **all** cell phone shipments regardless of volume.

Shipments without this label will not be accepted by Canada Post.

The special label will be provided to you at the same time as mailing labels.

When is special packaging required?

Cell phones that include the battery inside them do not require special packaging since they are protected from short circuit.

LOOSE cell phone batteries must be put into individual bags, or must have their terminals taped.

Materials should be shipped in suitable packaging (i.e. a sturdy cardboard box), and should be packaged so that cell phones do not move inside the box during transport (i.e. add crumpled paper).

Additional information can be found here:

- <https://www.canadapost.ca/tools/pg/manual/PGabcmail-e.asp#1510298>
- <https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/tdg/lithium-batteries-are-dangerous-goods-1162.html>
- <http://wwwapps.tc.gc.ca/saf-sec-sur/3/sched-ann/schedule1results.aspx?Name=&UN=3480>



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