

# Regulation Change Notification

## **Panasonic Batteries**

Panasonic Industrial Devices Sales  
Company of America  
A Division of Panasonic  
Corporation of North America  
1701 Golf Road Suite 3-1100  
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Toll Free: 877-726-2228  
e-mail: [oembatteries@us.panasonic.com](mailto:oembatteries@us.panasonic.com)  
Internet: [na.industrial.panasonic.com/products/batteries](http://na.industrial.panasonic.com/products/batteries)

### Nature of Change:

Air Transportation requirements

### Affected Model:

Lithium metal and Lithium Ion product

### Date of Notice:

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

---

Panasonic wants to keep our customers informed of any regulation changes that may affect their business operations. Please review the following air transportation regulations for both lithium metal and lithium ion batteries.

Effective January 1, 2017 UPS and FedEx will no longer accept air shipments of lithium metal and lithium ion cells under Section II of IATA packing instruction 965 (ion UN3480) and 968 (metal UN3090).

All air shipments beginning January 1, 2017 will have to be in Section IB, which means Class 9 packaging, labeling, marking, training, documentation, etc....

FedEx and UPS will continue to accept cells and batteries packed with or contained in equipment prepared in accordance with the exceptions found in Section II of packing instruction 966, 967, 969, and 970 of the IATA dangerous good regulations.

FedEx will require the UN number on your lithium battery handling label. This has to be printed on the label. It can not be written onto the label. This come into effect July 1, 2017. This can be accomplished by using the new lithium battery handling label which can be used once the DOT harmonizes with the international regulations sometime in early 2017.

UPS will require that shippers mark their packages with the appropriate Packing Instructions beginning January 1, 2017. This information can be added on or adjacent to the lithium battery label. Alternatively, this information may be included on a document accessible from outside the package.

For UPS shipments tendered without an IATA Air Waybill, lithium battery packages of UN 3481. or UN 3091 prepared in accordance with Section II of the relevant Packing Instruction should be marked with appropriate information on the address label or adjacent to the mark required by 7.1.5.5 (Markings of Other Regulations) or the label shown at 7.4.8. (Lithium Battery Label) to enable UPS to identify the shipment type when transferring to partner air carriers. For example:

- P.I. 966-II
- P.I. 967-II
- P.I. 969-II
- P.I. 970-II

Please contact your account manager if you have any questions regarding this notice. Contact FedEx or UPS for detailed information on these changes.

Christopher Holt  
Product Specialist  
OEM Battery Group