

Dangerous Goods alert



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Subject

Dangerous Goods Restriction

Title

Prohibition to/from/via USA for new Lithium Battery Label/Lithium Battery Mark



To be used to / from / via USA

Not for use to / from / via USA

With immediate effect we are forced to place an embargo for use of the new lithium battery mark and Lithium battery Class 9 label to / from / via the USA. Currently 49CFR (Code of Federal Regulations-Transportation of Hazard Materials) is not harmonized with the IATA DGR58. This means that the new lithium battery mark and Lithium battery Class 9 label do not exist in the US Regulations, and therefore cannot be used. Using the new label/mark is violating the US-hazard materials regulations. High fines are expected to be imposed by the FAA.

Until further notice the provisions set out in the 2015-2016 edition of the Technical Instructions and in the 57th edition of the DGR (2016) are applicable. The lithium battery handling label and the standard Class 9 hazard label must be used for ELI/ELM/RLI/RLM being shipped to/from/via the USA. For these there is a two-year transition period until 31 December 2018.