

USTRANSCOM Personal Property Advisory #22-0069

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From: USTRANSCOM Defense Personal Property Management Office (DPMO), Scott AFB, IL 62225

To: All Military Service Headquarters Representatives, Worldwide Personal Property Shipping Offices (PPSOs), Department of Defense (DoD) Approved Transportation Service Providers (TSPs), and Non-Temporary Storage TSPs

Subject: Lithium Batteries in Personal Property Shipments

- 1.** This advisory serves as notification of the decision by the DoD and requirements for PPSOs and TSPs for the movement of lithium batteries when included as part of a customer's personal property shipment.
- 2.** Counselors must brief customers that lithium batteries can be shipped and/or stored with personal property. Counselors must raise customers' awareness that certain size batteries may require special documentation and should be identified during the pre-move survey.
- 3.** Additionally, counselors should brief customers on the two types of lithium batteries (Lithium Metal and Lithium Ion).
 - 3.1.** Lithium metal batteries may commonly be found in cameras, watches, remote controls, handheld games, and smoke detectors. Lithium metal batteries are single use and NOT rechargeable and may be considered button or coin batteries. Always check items for the type of batteries installed. They will commonly identify lithium battery on the item.
 - 3.2.** Lithium-ion batteries are commonly found in cellphones, power tools, digital cameras, laptops, children's toys, e-cigarettes, robot vacuums, small and large appliances, tablets, e-readers, lawn care equipment, and e-bikes. Lithium-ion batteries are rechargeable and intended for multiple use. Some lithium-ion batteries are internal to a product and not easily removable, while others may be. Check manufacturer's instructions for battery removal, if applicable.
- 4.** TSP must ensure shipments containing lithium (-ion and metal) cells or batteries are properly packaged, labeled, and certified (if required) in accordance with 49 CFR 173.185, 49 CFR 172.704, the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code, and any other applicable regulation or guidance. TSP must also ensure items containing lithium (-ion and metal) cells or batteries are properly packaged for the type of transportation service being provided.
- 5.** TSPs have 60 days to comply with this change. During this 60-day period, punitive action will not be taken for TSPs failure to properly pack personal property shipments requiring lithium battery packaging, labeling, and/or certification. Quality Control Inspectors will remind TSPs of

the requirements to properly package, label, and/or certify any personal property shipment for those items requiring it when identified during a Quality Control Inspection. Punitive action for TSP failure to properly package, label, and/or certify lithium battery shipments will begin on 1 August 2022.

6. DPMO is coordinating updates to the Tenders of Service and Defense Transportation Regulation to align with the requirements above.
7. Questions about this advisory may be sent to transcom.scott.tcj9.mbx.ox@mail.mil.
8. This message was approved for release by the Deputy Director for Operations, Defense Personal Property Management Office, TCJ9-O.