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1. Introduction

Transport of lithium ion batteries is in the scope of Dangerous Goods Transport Regulations. Therefore many specific requirements have to be respected for their transport. The safe carriage of dangerous goods is important to shippers and transport companies and not least for every party involved in the chain of lithium ion battery transport.

The following notes, based on recommendations, have been produced to provide initial practical guidance to the regulations for the carriage of lithium ion batteries and lithium ion batteries in/with equipment.

In any case it is necessary to consult the regulations themselves for details. The applicable regulations are listed below.

They must be fulfilled by the shipper for every commercial shipment of lithium ion batteries.

Especially the energy content and diverse conditions classify which dangerous goods regulations must be taken into account for the transport of lithium ion batteries. Due to exemption regulations, simplified requirements apply for instance to lithium ion batteries with a nominal energy up to maximum 100 Wh.

Whereas lithium ion batteries with a nominal energy of more than 100 Wh are always to be treated as fully regulated Class 9 Dangerous Goods.

This guidance refers to the commercial transport by:

road/rail: ADR/RIDsea freight: IMDG Codeair freight: IATA DGR.

The regulations are subject to change on an annual or biennial basis.

Lithium ion batteries are classified as follows:

- UN 3480 Lithium ion batteries
- UN 3481 Lithium ion batteries contained in equipment
- UN 3481 Lithium ion batteries packed with equipment

In individual cases, a dangerous goods expert should be consulted.

Local authorities are responsible for the interpretation and implementation of the relevant regulations. They can, at their discretion, make decisions differing from this guideline.

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2. Provisions for Lithium Batteries carried by Passengers on Aircrafts

Certain restrictions apply to the carriage of lithium metal and lithium ion batteries even when carried by passengers as baggage. Only batteries that have successfully passed the Tests outlined in Part III, Sub Section 38.3 of the UN Manual of tests and criteria may be carried.

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IATA Table 2.3.A Provisions for Dangerous Goods Carried by Passengers or Crew (Subsection 2.3):

The pilot-in-com Permit	ted in or a			
Permitted in or as	schecked	baggage		
The approval of the operator is	required			
nsulated packagings containing refrigerated liquid nitrogen (dry shipper), fully absorbed in a porous naterial containing only non-dangerous goods.	NO	YES	YES	NO
nternal combustion or fuel cell engines, must meet A70 (see 2.3.5.12 for details).	NO	YES	NO	NO
ithium Batteries: Portable electronic devices (PED) containing lithium metal or lithium ion cells or atteries, including medical devices such as portable oxygen concentrators (POC) and consumer electronics such as cameras, mobile phones, laptops and tablets (see 2.3.5.8). For lithium metal batteries he lithium metal content must not exceed 2 g and for lithium ion batteries the Watt-hour rating must not exceed 100 Wh. Devices in checked baggage must be completely switched off and must be protected from amage. Each person is limited to a maximum of 15 PED. The operator may approve the carriage of more than 15 PED.				NO
ithium batteries, spare/loose, including power banks, see Batteries, spare/loose				
ithium battery-powered electronic devices. Lithium ion batteries for portable (including medical) YES YES electronic devices, a Wh rating exceeding 100 Wh but not exceeding 160 Wh. For portable medical electronic devices only, lithium metal batteries with a lithium metal content exceeding 2 g but not exceeding g. Devices in checked baggage must be completely switched off and must be protected from damage.				NO
Lithium batteries, spare/loose with a Watt-hour rating exceeding 100 Wh but not exceeding 160 Wh for consumer electronic devices and PMED or with a lithium metal content exceeding 2 g but not exceeding 8 g or PMED only. Maximum of two spare batteries in carry-on baggage only. These batteries must be individually protected to prevent short circuits.	YES	NO	YES	NO

3. Transport regulations for Dangerous Goods

Please refer to the listed regulations for further and detailed information:

ADR: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road,

49 CFR: Code of Federal Regulations, DOT, PHMSA is responsible for regulating movement of hazardous materials by all modes of transportation within the US.

IATA DGR: International Air Transport Association, Dangerous Goods Regulations,

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization, Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air,

IMDG Code: International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code,

RID: International Statutory Order on the Conveyance of Dangerous Goods by Rail,

UN: United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

4. UN Transportation Testing (UN DOT 38.3) for Lithium Batteries

Nearly all lithium batteries are required to pass section 38.3 of the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria (UN Transportation Testing) with the following procedure:

- T1 Altitude Simulation (Primary and Secondary Cells and Batteries)
- T2 Thermal Test (Primary and Secondary Cells and Batteries)
- T3 Vibration (Primary and Secondary Cells and Batteries)
- T4 Shock (Primary and Secondary Cells and Batteries)
- T5 External Short Circuit (Primary and Secondary Cells and Batteries)
- T6 Impact (Primary and Secondary Cells)
- T7 Overcharge (Secondary Batteries)
- T8 Forced Discharge (Primary and Secondary Cells)

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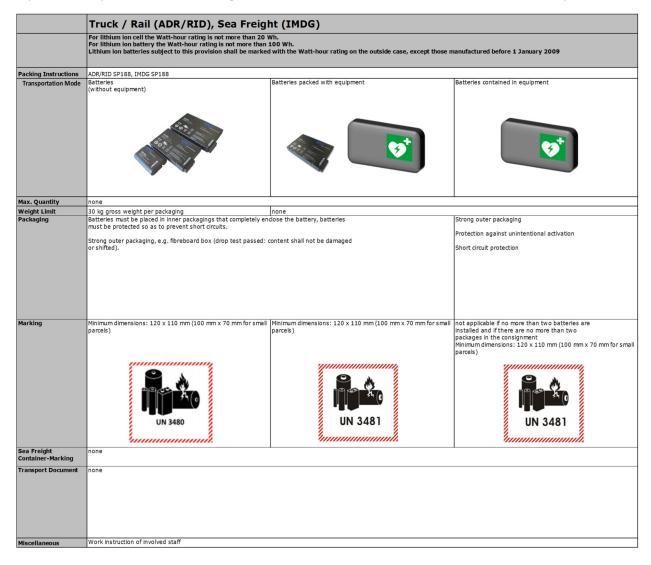
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5. Shipping Guidelines

5.1. Shipment of Lithium Ion Batteries ≤ 100 Wh by Truck / Rail (ADR/RID), Sea Freight (IMDG)

A passed transportation test according section 38.3 of the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria is required!



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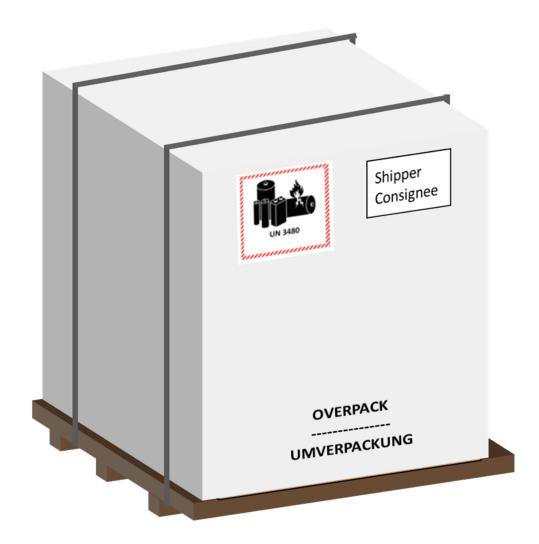


5.1.1. Example: Packaging containing batteries ≤ 100 Wh, SP188



Max. content: 30 Kg G (G = gross weight) per packaging

5.1.2. Example: Packaging containing batteries ≤ 100 Wh, SP188, overpack used



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5.2. Shipment of Lithium Ion Batteries > 100 Wh by Truck / Rail (ADR/RID), Sea Freight (IMDG)

A passed transportation test according section 38.3 of the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria is required!

	Truck / Rail (ADR/RID), Sea Freight (IMDG)				
	For IRhium ion cell the Watt-hour rating is more than 20 Wh. For IRhium ion battery the Watt-hour rating is more than 100 Wh.				
Packing Instructions	ADR/RID P903 IMDG P903				
Transportation Mode	Batteries (without equipment)	Batteries packed with equipment	Batteries contained in equipment		
Max. Quantity Weight Limit	none ADR 1.1.3.6: max. 333 kg / per transport unit (truck incl. trailer)				
Packaging	If exceeding weight limk, additional requirements to the carrier requirements are the placed in inner packagings that completely enclose batteries must be protected to prevent short circuits. Batteries must be secured against movement within the outer packe UN approved packaging (Packing Group II: e.g. UN/4G/130/)	the battery,	strong outer packaging protection against unintentional activation short circuit protection		
	In addition for cells or batteries with a gross mass of 12 kg or more employing a strong, impact resistant outer casing, and assembles of such cells or batteries: (a) Strong outer packagings;				
	(b) Protective enclosures (e.g., in fully enclosed or wooden slattedcrates); or (c) Pallets or other handling devices. Cells or batteries shall be secured to prevent inadvertent movement, and the terminals shall not support the weight of other superimposed elements.				
Marking	Label (10x10 cm)	Label (10x10 cm)	Label (10x10 cm)		
	ADR: UN 3480	ADR: UN 3481	ADR: UN 3481		
	IMDG: UN 3480 LITHIUM ION BATTERIES	IMDG: UN 3481 LITHIUM ION BATTERIES PACKED WITH EQUIPMENT	IMDG: UN 3481 LITHIUM ION BATTERIES CONTAINED IN EQUIPMENT		
Sea Freight Container-Marking	CONTAINER-PLACARDS (min. 25x25 cm)				
Transport Document	UN 3490 LITHIUM ION BATTERIES, 9, (E) Number of packages and packaging type (e.g. 1 Fibrebard box) weight (e.g. xx kg) Shipper's & consignes's address Sea freight (IMDG Code): (language Englisch) IMO-DANGEROUS GOODS DECLARATION (SOLAS 74, KAP, VII, REG 5, MARPOL 73/79, ANNEX III REG. 4 OF IMDG-CODE)	IUN 3451 LITHIUM ION BATTERIES PACKED WITH EQUIPMENT, 9, (E) Number of packages and packaging type (e.g. 1 Fbreboard box) weight (e.g. xx kg) Shipper's & consignee's address Sea freight (IMDG Code): (language Englisch) IMO-DANGEROUS GOODS DECLARATION (SOLAS 74, KAP, VII, REG S, MARPOL 73/79, ANNEX III REG. 4 OF IMDG-CODE)	UN 349. LITHJM ION BATTERIES CONTAINED IN EQUIPMENT, 9, (E) Number of packages and packaging type (e.g. 1 Fbreboard box) weight (e.g. xx kg) Shipper's & consignee's address sea freight (IMDG Code): (language Englisch) IMO-DANGEROUS GOODS DECLARATION (SOLAS 74, KAP, VII, REG S, MARPOL 73/79, ANNEX III REG. 4 OF IMDG-CODE)		
Special provisions	188, 230, 310, 348, 376, 377, 387, 636, 677	188, 230, 310, 348, 360, 376, 377, 387, 390, 670, 677			
Miscellaneous	Work instruction of involved staff				

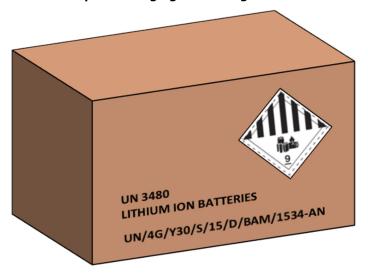
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5.2.1. Example: Packaging containing batteries > 100 Wh, UN3480, P903



Max. content: as per UN packaging (e.g. Y30 = 30 Kg G)

5.2.2. Example: Packaging containing batteries > 100 Wh, UN3480, P903, overpack used



Max. content: 333 Kg G / shipment (Truck), if exceeding, additional requirements to the carrier will be needed

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5.3. Shipment of Lithium Ion Batteries ≤ 100 Wh by Air Freight (IATA)

A passed transportation test according section 38.3 of the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria is required!

For IATA P1965 SEC IB: Lithium ion cells and batteries must be offered for transport at a state of charge (SoC) not exceeding 30% of their rated design capacity!

For IATA **PI966** SEC II: starting from 01. Jan. 2026 Lithium ion cells and batteries must be offered for transport at a state of charge (SoC) not exceeding 30% of their rated design capacity!

For IATA **P1967** SEC II: starting from 01. Jan. 2026 it is recommended that Lithium ion cells and batteries are offered for transport at a state of charge (SoC) not exceeding 30% of their rated design capacity!

	Airfreight (IATA)		
	For lithium ion cell the Watt-hour rating is not more than 20 Wh. For lithium ion battery the Watt-hour rating is not more than 100 Wh. Lithium ion batteries subject to this provision shall be marked with the Watt	manufactured before 1 January 2009	
Packing Instructions Transportation Mode	IATA PI965 Section IB Batteries	IATA PI966 Section II Batteries packed with equipment	IATA PI967 Section II
Transportation Hote	(without equipment)	patteries patceu with equipment	Batteries contained in equipment
Max. Quantity	none (more than 8 cells or 2 batteries per packaging)	As required for operation, plus 2 sets	none
Weight Limit PAX	prohibited	for replacement	
Weight Limit CAO	10 kg net per package	5 kg net battery weight per packaging	
Packaging	Strong outer packaging (fibreboard box) , stacking test 3 m in PI 965, Section IB. Batteries must be placed in inner packaging that completely encloses the battery; Batteries must be secured against movement within the outer packaging; Batteries must be protected to prevent short circuits 1.2m drop test		Strong outer packaging or equivalent protection of the battery by the device Protection against unintended putting into service. Protection against movements within the packaging; Protection against short circuit
Marking	UN 3480, Lithium ion batteries, battery weight (e.g. net weight xx kg) Shipper-/Consignee's addres UN 3480 GARGO AIRCRAFT ONLY ON	UN 3481	Up to 2 batteries per package: no battery handling label required More than 2 batteries per package: batter handling label required UN 3481
Transport Document	Shipper's Declaration for Dangerous Goods: UN 3480 Lithium Ion batteries, 9, 1/ Fibreboard box(es) x (9/ 965./ 116, see Example 1, Delete the "PASSENGER AND CARGO AIRCRAFT" box	N/A	N/A
Information on Air Waybill	In the "Handling Information" box: "Dangerous Goods as per associated Shipper's Declaration - CAO"	In the "Nature and Quantity of Goods" box: "Lithium ion batteries in compliance with section II of PI 966"	Only if more than 2 batteries per package, in the "Nature and Quantity of Goods" box: "Lithium ion batteries in compliance with section II of PI 967"
Miscellaneous	Official IATA-Training by authorized trainer required If not available, please contact IATA authorized expert	Adequate instruction commensurate with respon	 sibilities

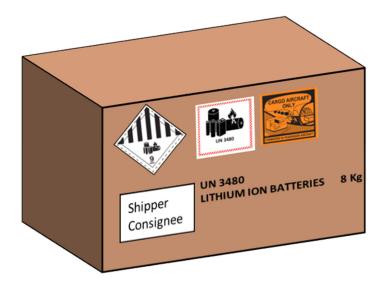
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5.3.1. Example: Packaging containing batteries ≤ 100 Wh, PI 965, SEC IB



Max. content: 10 Kg net per packaging

5.3.2. Example: Packaging containing batteries ≤ 100 Wh, PI 965, SEC IB, overpack used



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Max. content: none per overpack (from 01. Jan. 2016 min. size of "OVERPACK" 12mm)

5.4. Shipment of Lithium Ion Batteries > 100 Wh by Air Freight (IATA)

A passed transportation test according section 38.3 of the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria is required!

For IATA P1965 SEC IB: Lithium ion cells and batteries must be offered for transport at a state of charge (SoC) not exceeding 30% of their rated design capacity!

For IATA **PI966** SEC I: starting from 01. Jan. 2026 Lithium ion cells and batteries must be offered for transport at a state of charge (SoC) not exceeding 30% of their rated design capacity!

For IATA **PI967** SEC I: starting from 01. Jan. 2026 it is recommended that Lithium ion cells and batteries are offered for transport at a state of charge (SoC) not exceeding 30% of their rated design capacity!

	Airfreight (IATA)				
	For lithium ion cell the Watt-hour rating is more than 20 Wh. For lithium ion battery the Watt-hour rating is more than 100 Wh.				
Packing Instructions	IATA PI965 Section IA	IATA PI966 Section I	IATA PI967 Section I IATA SP A48		
Transportation Mode	Batteries (without equipment)	Batteries packed with equipment	Batteries contained in equipment		
Max. Quantity	none	number required for equipment plus 2 spare	none		
Weight Limit PAX	pro hibited	5 kg net battery weight per packaging			
Weight Limit CAO	35 kg net battery weight per packaging				
Packaging	Batteries must be placed in kner packaging that completely encloses the battery, but must be protected to prevent short circuits UN approved packaging (Packing Group II: e.g. UN 4G/Y30/)	Batteries must be placed in inner packaging that completely enclose the battery, batteries must be protected so as to prevent short circuits. UN approved packaging (Packing Group II: e.g. UN 4G/Y30/)	Equipment containing batteries must be secured and packed to prevent unintended operation during transport Batteries must be protected to prevent short chcuts due to contact to further conductible materials within the same packaging Strong outer packaging (s.c. ordboard box) UN approved packaging not required (SP A48)		
Marking	UN 3480, LEhum ion batteries Net weight (NET QTV) Shipper-/Consignee's address CARGO AIRCRAFT ONLY FORMICOEN IN PASSENCER AIRCRAFT	UN 3481, Lithium ion batteries packed with equipment Net weight (NET QTV) Shipper-/Consignee's address	UN 3481, Lithium ion batteries contained in equipment Net weight (NET GTY) Shipper-/Consignee's address		
Transport Document	Shipper's Declaration for Dangerous Goods: UN 3480 Lithium ion batteries, 9 // 965, delete the "PASSENGER AND CARGO AIRCRAFT" box	Shipper's Deckration for Dangerous Goods: UN 3481 Lithium ion batteries packed with equipment, 9 // 966	Shipper's Deckration for Dangerous Goods: UN 3481 Lithium ion batteries contained in equipment, 9 // 967		
Information on Air Waybill	In the "Handling Information" box: "Dangerous Goods as per associated Shipper's Declaration - CAO" When a shipment contains both dangerous goods and non-dangerous goods, the number of packages containing dangerous goods shall be added in the "Handling Information" box				
Miscellaneous	Official IATA-Training by authorized trainer required. If not available, ş	slease contact IATA authorized expert			
	Special Provisions: A48, A88, A99, A154, A181, A183, A185, A201, A213, A220, A331, A334, A802				

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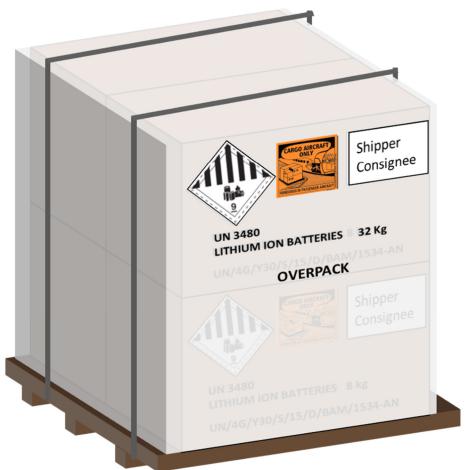


5.4.1. Example: Packaging containing batteries > 100 Wh, PI 965, SEC IA



Max. content: 35 Kg net per packaging (CAO)

5.4.2. Example: Packaging containing batteries > 100 Wh, PI 965, SEC IA, overpack used



Weight limit CAO (cargo aircraft only): 35 kg net battery weight per packaging, none for overpack

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5.5. Shipment of Lithium Ion Battery Prototypes

Transportation Mode	Prototypes Truck/Rail/Sea Freight	Prototypes Airfreight
	Prototypes: Batteries not tested according UN Test 38.3 Only for transport of • small production series of max. 100 batteries (IATA: p.a.) • prototypes for testing reasons only	
Packing Instructions	ADR/RID/IMDG Code: SP 310, P910	IATA SP A88, P910: Approval required from the Competent Authority of the state of origin Note: to/across/via USA additional approval required from US Authority (DOT)
Max. Quantity	n/a	as defined in approval
Weight Limit	n/a	as defined in approval
Packaging	UN approved packaging: e.g. fibreboard box (Packing Group II: e.g. UN 4G/Y30/) • Each battery shall be individually packed in an inner packaging, e.g. in a plastic bag • Non-combustible, non-conductive thermal insulation material, e.g. Vermiculite • Must be secured against movement within the outer packaging	as defined in approval
Marking	ADR/RID: UN 3480 IMDG: UN 3480 LITHIUM ION BATTERIES (100 x 100 mm)	as defined in approval
Transport Document	Shipper's & consignee's address UN 3480 LITHIUM ION BATTERIES, 9, (E) Number of packages and packaging type (e.g. 1 fibreboard box) Battery weight (e.g. xx kg) "CARRIAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIAL PROVISION 310" IMDG Code: IMO-DANGEROUS GOODS DECLARATION (SOLAS 74, KAP, VII, REG 5, MARPOL 73/79, ANNEX III REG. 4 OF IMDG-CODE	
Miscellaneous	Work instruction of involved staff	as defined in approval

5.5.1. Example: Packaging containing Lithium Ion Battery Prototypes



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5.6. Shipment of damaged or defective Lithium Ion Batteries

	Damaged or Defective Batteries		
Transportation Mode	Truck/Rail/Sea (not comply to UN Test 38.3 anymore) de Air Transport of damaged or defective batteries Damaged or defective cell or batteries, whether they have been identified as "non-critical" or as "critical", are forbidden for air transport (IATA DGR Special Provision A154).		
Packing Instructions	SP376 P908	SP 376, P911	
Criteria for "Damaged or Defective"	"Non-critical"7) (no possible danger during transport) Such Batteries do not conform to the tested type according to the applicable provisions of the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria, 38.3 This includes: Batteries identified as being defective for safety reasons; Batteries that have leaked or vented; Batteries that cannot be diagnosed prior to carriage; or Batteries that have sustained physical or mechanical damage In assessing a cell or battery as damaged or defective, an assessment or evaluation shall be performed based on safety criteria from the cell, battery or product manufacturer or by a technical expert with knowledge of the cell's or battery's safety features. An assessment or evaluation may include, but is not limited to, the criteria mentioned in SP 376.	"Critical"7) (possible danger during transport) Batterles liable to rapidly disassemble, dangerously react, produce a flame or a dangerous evolution of heat or a dangerous emission of toxic, corrosive or flammable gases or vapours	
Max. Quantity	n/a		
Weight Limit	n/a - A battery with a net mass of more than 30 kg shall be	The godinate shall be exactly for the	
Packaging	Absorbing material to absorb leaking electrolyte from leaking batteries Batteries shall be protected against short circuit "Critical batteries" : as per approval	 The packaging shall be capable of meeting certain performance requirements in case of rapid disassembly, dangerous reaction, production of a flame or a dangerous evolution of heat or a dangerous emission of toxic, corrosive or flammable gases or vapours of the cells or batteries, as specified in P911. The additional packaging performance requirements shall be verified by a test as specified by the competent authority A verification report shall be available on request as specified in P911. Cells or batteries shall be protected against short circuit. Alternative packing and/or carriage conditions may be authorized by the competent authority (in Germany: Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing, BAM); detailed requirements as stated in the authorization. 	
Marking	UN 3480 DAMAGED / DEFECTIVE LITHIUM ION BATTERIES UN 3481 DAMAGED / DEFECTIVE LITHIUM ION BATTERIES CONTAINED IN EQUIPMENT	UN 3480 DAMAGED / DEFECTIVE LITHIUM ION BATTERIES UN 3481 DAMAGED / DEFECTIVE LITHIUM ION BATTERIES CONTAINED IN EQUIPMENT	
Transport Document	Shipper's & consignee's address UN 3480 LTHIUM ION BATTERIES, 9, (E) Number of packages and packaging type (e.g. 1 Aluminium box) Battery weight (e.g. xx kg) "Transport in accordance with special provision 376" If applicable, a copy of the competent authority approval shall accompany the carriage.	Shipper's & consignee's address UN 3480 LTTHIUM ION BATTERIES, 9, (E) Number of packages and packaging type (e.g. 1 Aluminium box) Battery weight (e.g. xx kg) "Transport in accordance with special provision 376" If applicable, a copy of the competent authority approval shall accompany the carriage.	
Miscellaneous	Work instruction of involved staff	n/a	

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5.7. Shipment of Lithium Ion Batteries for Disposal or Recycling

	Batteries for Disposal & Recycling		
Transportation Mode	Truck/Rail/Sea (not comply to UN Test 38.3 anymore) Waste batteries and batteries being shipped for recycling or disposal are prohibited from air transport unless approved by the appropriate national authority of the State of Origin and the State of the Operator (IATA DGR SP A183).		
	< 100 Wh (per battery)	> 100 Wh (per battery)	
Packing Instructions	SP377	,	
3	P909		
Max. Quantity	none		
Weight Limit	30 kg per packaging	none	
For batteries >100 Wh UN-approved packaging required (Packing Group II) For batteries ≤ 100 Wh and for batteries contained in equipment, UN-approved packaging is not required. Strong of packagings constructed of suitable material, and of adequate strength and design in relation to the packaging capa intended use. Batteries shall be packed to prevent short circuits and dangerous evolution of heat Protection against short-circuits dangerous evolution of heat Protection against short-circuits and packaging to prevent of the battery terminal inner packaging to prevent contact between batteries batteries with recessed terminals designed to protect against short-circuits or the use of non-conductive and non-combustible cushioning material to fill empty space between the batteries in the Batteries shall be secured within the outer packaging to prevent excessive movement during carriage (e.g. by using conductive and noncombustible cushioning material or through the use of a tightly dosed plastic bag)		t, UN-approved packaging is not required. Strong outer rength and design in relation to the packaging capacity and its is evolution of heat Protection against short-circuits and short-circuits or terial to fill empty space between the batteries in the package t excessive movement during carriage (e.g. by using a non-	
Marking	UN 3480 LITHIUM BATTERIES FOR DISPOSAL or LITHIUM BATTERIES FOR RECYCLING		
Shipper's & consignee's address UN 3480, WASTE LITHIUM ION BATTERIES, 9, (E) Number of packages and packaging type (e.g. 1 Fibreboard box (4G)) Battery weight (e.g. xx kg)		(4G))	
Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous Work instruction of involved staff		
Damaged / defective batteries Batteries identified as being damaged or defective shall be carried Batteries for Disposal & Recycling Alternatively, lithium batteries for disposal and recycling can also b SP 188, as appropriate, or – up to the intermediate processing fac More exemptions for lithium cells and batteries installed in equipm		ed in accordance with SP 376.	
		acility – under ADR SP 636).	

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6. Useful Websites

The following websites provide various sources of useful information:

http://www.unece.org

http://www.iata.org

http://www.icao.int

http://www.imo.org

http://www.gpo.gov/

http://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat

https://www.lithium-batterie-service.de/en/