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Latest News on Final Rule HM-215N on Lithium Battery Handling Mark and other changes per ICAO Technical Instructions 2017-2018

Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA, US DOT) advises that while the provisions in the 2017-2018 Edition of the ICAO Technical Instructions have not yet been adopted into 49 CFR, that dangerous goods prepared in accordance with the 2017-2018 Technical Instructions are acceptable on flights to, from, through or within the United States.

This allows for the use of the new lithium battery handling mark and the new lithium battery class 9 hazard label.

However, what remains unresolved is the carriage of UN 3528 Engines, flammable liquid powered now assigned to Class 3, which when carried on passenger aircraft are subject to the 25 kg limit per cargo compartment following State Variation USG-13. As such, shippers of engines should be encouraged to stay with UN 3166 (Class 9) until 31 March or the final rule is issued, whichever happens first.

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