

# DANGEROUS GOODS SHIPPING AND PACKING INFORMATION FOR TEAMS





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#### INTRODUCTION

Transportation of dangerous goods is a risk when they are not correctly packed or handled. If the goods are hidden, declared incorrectly, left completely undeclared, packed or labeled incorrectly, health and safety is severely compromised. Commercial freight transportation regulations have increased significantly worldwide within the last couple of years requiring Shell Eco-marathon teams to seek and understand the current restrictions/regulations, and the ramifications for non-compliance.

Teams are required to seek guidance from a commercial freight company for the latest international and national regulations.

Shipments classified as dangerous good materials can include, but not limited to flammable liquids, batteries, and pressurized containers (for example fire extinguishers).

This dangerous goods guideline was developed using the current International Air Transport Association (IATA), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), International Maritime Dangerous Goods, and regional Department of Transportation (DOT) documents covering commercial freight shipments. The intent with this guideline is to provide teams basic knowledge of dangerous goods that are generally utilized by Shell Eco-marathon teams.

#### It is vital teams understand they are responsible for declaring, packaging and labeling dangerous goods to ensure health and safety are not compromised.

#### SHELL ECO-MARATHON GLOBAL SHIPPING PARTNER



DSV Solutions (formerly known as Agility Fairs and Events Logistics) is the Global Freighting Partner for Shell Eco-marathon. Their global expertise will assist you in identifying any shipping restrictions/regulations for any chemicals and selected battery(ies). They will outline the process of packing and shipping your Shell Ecomarathon vehicle crates through commercial carriers to Shell Eco-marathon and World Championship events worldwide.

#### Teams are responsible for the packing, labelling, declaring, and shipping their crates including any dangerous goods to ensure health and safety are not compromised.

## Note: Teams are not required to use DSV Solutions, but DSV is available to offer any guidance regarding crate shipments.

DSV Solutions is available to support all team shipping for the Americas, Asia and Europe events.

## **SHIPPING CONTACTS**

For more information on shipping your cars and crate to a Shell Eco-marathon event please contact our dedicated Student Ambassadors for your region at the following locations, they will then put you in touch with your local DSV Representative for your event:

#### **EUROPE AND AFRICA**

Email: garcia.newell@dsv.com

### **REQUIRED ACTIONS BY TEAMS**

- Acquire the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) or a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) document of any chemicals and batteries, you will be using in your vehicle.(Note this will be either your accessory battery or propulsion battery for the BEV vehicle class)
- 2) As early as possible in your vehicle development, contact your DSV representative and begin discussions about shipping your vehicle to the Shell Eco-marathon event. Specific discussions will be around the packing and shipping of dangerous goods, including lithium-based batteries.

#### Teams may be excluded from the event that are found to be non-compliant regarding the DG shipping policies.

Not required but a recommendation for teams:

- 1) Plan your shipping such that your vehicle crate has NO dangerous goods. Pack any dangerous goods in a separate container/crate.
- 2) Contacting a dangerous goods packer in your area can provide additional assistance with your crate and completing the necessary paperwork for commercial shipping. The dangerous goods packer will provide a DG's packing certificate, which must be submitted to Shell and DSV prior to shipment.

### **DEFINITION OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

**Dangerous goods** are substances or articles that pose a risk to people, property or the environment, due to their chemical or physical properties. They are usually classified with reference to their immediate risk.

The transportation of dangerous goods is controlled and governed by a variety of different regulatory regimes, operating at both the national and international levels. Prominent regulatory frameworks for the transportation of dangerous goods include the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, ICAO's Technical Instructions, IATA's Dangerous Goods Regulations and the IMO's International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code. Collectively, these regulatory regimes mandate the means by which dangerous goods are to be handled, packaged, labelled and transported.

#### **EXAMPLES OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

**Dangerous goods** are products in one of three physical states – a solid, liquid or gas. These products can present a range of dangers in a transport environment flammability, toxicity (poisonous), pressurization, and corrosivity being the most common.

The physical state and properties of dangerous goods affect packaging, handling and transportation decisions.

Dangerous goods are essential in the manufacture of common products such as cars, plastics, electronics and pharmaceuticals on which progress and world trade depend. Dangerous goods are safely shipped every day.

#### ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL ATTENTION WITH YOUR SHIPMENTS

#### **Batteries**

Lubricants - WD40; greases; etc.

**Engine Oils** 

Fuel

**Flammable Liquids** 

#### **Aerosol Canisters**

**Pressurized containers** – Fire extinguishers; aerosol sprays and lubricants (prohibited in air shipments only).

These items will not ship by any method without a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) or a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) document.

The majority of the above items (lubricants, oils and fuel) can be purchased in the location where the competition will take place.

### WHEN DANGEROUS GOODS ARE NOT SHIPPED CORRECTLY

Dangerous goods are... dangerous. When not packed correctly OR even if they are and something happens, the results can be catastrophic.

#### AN EXAMPLE OF A VEHICLE CRATE

- Vehicle and crate contents destroyed
- Fire contained within crate, no other crates damaged.



#### CATASTROPHIC EVENT ON THE GROUND

- NOT Shell Eco-marathon related
- Properly pack and ship YOUR dangerous goods to minimize the risk.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## **TYPES OF COMMERCIAL FREIGHT**

## AIR

Air freight can be provided by passenger or cargo aircraft. Shipments by air freight are the most stringent and costly as opposed to sea and road freight regarding dangerous goods. However, air freight is a benefit by reducing the numbers of days between pointto-point delivery.

#### SEA

Shipments by sea freight have fewer restrictions/regulations and can be a cost saving benefit especially combined with other Shell Eco-marathon teams within the same container. However, sea freight requires longer lead time and in some cases can take three to eight weeks for delivery depending on the route and the number of port of calls.

## ROAD

Shipments by road freight also have fewer restrictions/regulations and can be a cost saving benefit versus air freight. However, road freight, similar to sea freight, requires a lead time and may require eight to ten days for delivery depending on the route and the number of other delivery points along the way.

#### SHIPPING DANGEROUS GOODS BY AIR, SEA, OR ROAD

A key point for teams to know regarding dangerous goods is they can ship these items as long as the shipment complies with current governing regulations/restrictions, and can manage the financial requirements.

Your freight forwarding company will explain what is permitted and not permitted regarding dangerous goods in your crate. For example; if your vehicle is an Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) all fuel and lubricant must be drained from the engine.

Your choice of shipping method when depend greatly on the time available for your shipment to reach a regional event. For example; sea or road freight is less expensive but requires 3-8 weeks for arrival; although regulations/restrictions are not as strict versus air freight. Shipping by air requires less lead time, but is more expensive and the regulations/restrictions regarding dangerous goods are the most stringent.

Any dangerous goods identified in your shipment will classify the entire crate as a dangerous good freight and will increase your cost significantly regarding the method chosen. One recommendation for teams is to ship any dangerous goods in a separate smaller package to reduce total costs. Commercial shippers such as UPS, FedEx and DHL are good options to control costs in shipping smaller packages.

#### SHIPPING DANGEROUS GOODS BY AIR, SEA, OR ROAD (CONTINUED)

We highly recommend you contact an DSV representative or chosen local freight provider early enough to receive the guidance on the best shipping method your team needs to ensure your crate arrives on time and in safe condition.

Depending on your chosen method of shipment and if any dangerous goods have been identified you will be advised as to what goods are permitted or not permitted to pack in your crate. In addition, you will be advised on all required documents.

A reminder teams can contract a dangerous goods packing company to assist in packing and certifying your crates including your batteries. They, in addition to your freight forwarded, will advise on labeling the boxes with the relevant dangerous goods stickers and also produce the relevant dangerous goods shipping notes where required for the shipment.

Teams must ensure they declare all items they are shipping to their freight forwarder as any items not declared could delay the shipment or in some countries customs may confiscate the entire shipment and after a period of time dispose of it.

For example there was an incident in London where a team opened their crate to discover the battery was missing. They assumed all was correct with their shipment, however a battery that was packed separately was not declared to customs. As a result customs confiscated the battery and the team had to source a new one in London.

## **SHIPPING PURCHASED BATTERIES**

#### ONLY batteries with a MSDS/SDS can be shipped commercially.

# Note: modified or hand-made batteries will require a MSDS/SDS to be generated to be shipped commercially.

Batteries are considered hazardous and as such, there are specific restrictions and regulations relating to packaging and shipping. All batteries, but especially lithiumbased batteries, are considered dangerous goods because they, if dropped, crushed or short-circuited can cause fires.

To protect against fires, you must ensure compliance with current restrictions and regulations. You need to carefully consider how you are going to pack and ship your batteries.

It is preferable that all batteries are shipped separately from the vehicle crate. Batteries should be packed in to a non conducting box, preferably plywood, with enough packing material to physically protect the battery(s) from damage.

Note: this package will be identified as dangerous goods.

Another permitted method, although not recommended, is to ship vehicle batteries securely mounted within your vehicle with the terminals disconnected and protected. Spare batteries should be packed either in a separate mounting in your vehicle (preferable) or if not, into a separate non conducting box and secured safely within the crate. Note, if this approach is used, the entire crate will be identified as dangerous goods and will increase shipping cost significantly.

Other batteries you are shipping such as those used for power tools, USB phone/ tablet back-up chargers must be declared to your freight forwarding company as these are subject to dangerous goods regulations as well as the batteries used to power your vehicle.

For any lithium-based batteries, discharge your batteries to a 30% state of charge before they are packed.

## WHAT IS A MODIFIED BATTERY?

A modified battery is any purchased battery that has been altered from its original state.

If you changed the cell mounting or internal wiring of a purchased battery, the result would be a modified battery.

Note: adding a battery management system (BMS) to a purchased battery is NOT considered modified as long as you have not altered the purchased battery physical battery case or internal battery wiring.

#### WHAT IS A HAND-MADE BATTERY?

A hand-made battery is any battery that was fabricated by the team, or anyone else, and does NOT have a MSDS/SDS.

A hand-made battery would typically be the combining of individual cells in series or parallel configurations to make a single battery. (Example: combining X number of 18650 cells to make a battery unit).

A hand-made battery would NOT have a MSDS/SDS. Although the individual cells would have a MSDS/SDS, the MSDS/SDS would NOT cover the overall battery.

Note: Connecting one or more **purchased batteries**, **not cells**, into a single battery is NOT a hand-made battery as long as the individual batteries have a MSDS/SDS.

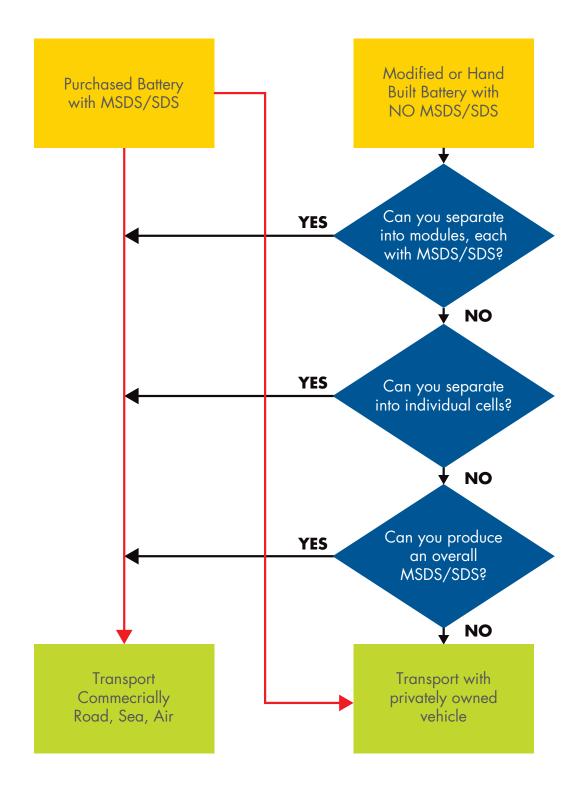
#### SHIPPING OF MODIFIED OR HAND-MADE BATTERIES

If you have a modified or hand made battery, the battery cannot be shipped by any method of commercial transport **unless** it has been (1) tested by a professional testing company, and (2) a MSDS/SDS generated, or (3) certification has been given for the battery to be shipped

There are official Departments of Transport and regulatory bodies in your home country that can give you advice on having your modified or hand made battery certified. One Global company that may be able to assist you in the certification and MSDS/SDS creation is SGS Inspection Services. **www.sgs.com** 

Note: if you have a modified or hand made battery composed of cells with a MSDS/ SDS AND the individual cells can be removed, you can ship the cells as individual batteries. The individual cells can be shipped as long as the cells are packed correctly for the desired shipping method. The remaining battery case used to contain the cells would NOT then be considered dangerous goods and can be shipped in your crate.

## **HOW CAN I TRANSPORT MY BATTERY?**



## **CLASSIFICATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

For transport purposes, dangerous goods are allocated to one of nine 'classes', according to the main danger they present. These are as follows:

- **Class 1 Explosives**
- Class 2 Gases
- **Class 3 Flammable liquids**
- **Class 4 Flammable solids and other flammable substances**
- **Class 5 Oxidizing substances and organic peroxides**
- **Class 6 Toxic and infectious substances**
- Class 7 Radioactive material
- **Class 8 Corrosive substances**

## Class 9 – Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles (Including lithium ion batteries)

Many of these classes are sub-divided. For example, toxic substances are allocated to Class 6.1; infectious substances are allocated to class 6.2.

Substances or articles are classified as 'dangerous goods' for sea shipment if they meet the criteria prescribed in the IMDG Code for any of these classes.

Substances or articles are classified as 'dangerous goods' for air shipment if they meet the criteria prescribed in the IATA Code for any of these classes.

The danger(s) presented by a particular substance or article determine the safe transport procedures for it e.g. the way it needs to be packed, whether it can be loaded on a passenger or freighter aircraft, where it needs to be loaded in an aircraft or stored within an airport.

#### IATA DGR BATTERY CLASSIFICATION CONTAINED IN YOUR BATTERY MSDS/SDS

Lithium batteries are classified as Class 9 – Miscellaneous Goods as:

UN3480 LITHIUM ION BATTERIES

UN3090 LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES

# Or if inside a piece of equipment or packed in the same box but away from the equipment they are classed as:

UN3481 LITHIUM ION BATTERIES CONTAINED IN EQUIPMENT UN3481 LITHIUM ION BATTERIES PACKED WITH EQUIPMENT UN3091 LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES CONTAINED IN EQUIPMENT UN3091 LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES PACKED WITH EQUIPMENT

#### DANGEROUS GOODS REGULATIONS OVERVIEW



**Orange Book** United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.



ADR

European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road



IMDG – Code International Maritime Dangerous Code



IATA-DGR International Air Transport Association – Dangerous Goods Regulation

ICAO T.I. International Civil Aviation Organization Technical Instructions

#### **Current Handling Label**



#### New 'Mark' Label



