

Shipper Responsibility for Shipment Declaration

Due to a recent spate of shipments being sent without correct and prior notification or declaration we feel it is very important to highlight the importance of responsible shipping.

As a shipper you are responsible and can be held accountable for failing to declare goods correctly if they are of a hazardous nature. Recently we have been handed Aerosols, Lithium Batteries and Dry Ice for shipping without prior notification.

List of items to consider:

- Liquids (Paint, Oil, Perfume, Cosmetics, Cleaning Products)
- Gases (Aerosols, Canisters)
- Non Rechargeable Batteries
- Dry Ice

It is important to consider what you are shipping and question if any item within your consignment could be potentially flammable, corrosive, toxic, combustible, infectious or explosive. These items will still be able to be shipped but must be processed according to Dangerous Goods specifications. These require dangerous goods certificate, specialist packing, handling, transport. In this instance please contact UCS immediately.

Rechargeable Lithium Batteries are shipped regularly as a common item and can be handled as normal courier consignments in limited quantities. Below is a general guideline to follow when processing a shipment with Rechargeable Lithium Batteries. These are generally found within laptop Computers, Mobile Phones, Cameras etc.

- Check if the battery is attached to hardware or loose/separate
- Confirm how many batteries are present
- Check and make sure the packaging is secure and sealed.
- Check battery to confirm the shipping class by advising the wattage hours (Wh)

When you are processing bookings of this nature please clarify the above details within the description of the consignment.

If you are unsure of the shipping class it can be checked by visual examination of the battery. Batteries produced after 2009 should show the "wattage hours (Wh) and if the battery is under 100Wh it is class 1 and accepted for travel in limited quantities as normal courier. If the battery does not show "Wh" it precedes 2009 and should show voltage (V) and Ampere hours (Ah). Please multiply V x Ah and if the answer is below 100 this is also accepted for travel. If the "Wh" is calculated to be over 100 this can still be shipped but must be processed according to Dangerous Goods specifications. This requires Dangerous Goods Certificate, specialist packing, handling and transport.

It is essential we are notified prior to collection of any potentially hazardous items. Always consider what you are shipping and if unsure please do not hesitate to contact UCS Customer Services 0844 879 3229 or customer.services@theucsgroup.co.uk