

## **Free guidance on the transport of Lithium batteries**

NCEC, the UK's national response unit for chemical emergencies and part of energy and climate change consultancy, AEA, has launched a free technical enquiry line for new restrictions that came into force this year on the carriage of Lithium batteries by road and air.

Lithium batteries are very popular as they are used to power a host of mobile electronic equipment. New UN numbers have been introduced for these batteries and stringent conditions are now in force, even where special provisions applied. Among other requirements, shippers need to display a telephone number for additional information.

Dan Haggarty, Emergency Response Services Manager, NCEC, says: "The new regulations aren't that complex, but there is still a degree of confusion among shippers, resellers and manufacturers of Lithium Batteries. We hope that by providing this technical enquiry service (available during office hours only) shippers may then be in a better position to understand how they can meet the requirements of the legislation, and take the appropriate course of action. This liability free service is NCEC's contribution towards health and safety in general and the prompt and safe implementation of the new directive."

NCEC provides a 24-hour specialist advice service to the UK emergency services and is a central part of the Chemical Industries Association (CIA). In addition, NCEC provides advice and information to companies on chemical risk management and health and safety compliance. The Lithium batteries enquiry line is accessible on +44 (0)870 190 6556 and additional details on this service are also found on NCEC's web site.

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With over 35 years' experience, NCEC is a centre of excellence providing emergency response, consultancy and training on chemical safety and regulatory services. Its Emergency Responders are all qualified chemists who have received extensive training in chemical health and safety, emergency response and communication skills.

The NCEC is part of AEA, one of the world's leaders in the field of climate change and energy consultancy - operating in the UK, Europe, the US and China. It is the leading provider of advisory services to the UK Government and works extensively with the EU and major private sector organisations. With internationally renowned expertise in air quality and climate change, carbon management, resource efficiency and the environmental impacts of transport, AEA employs many world-leading experts and provides a high-level of policy consultancy and a range of technical services to its public and private sector clients.

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