

FedEx Express IATA Variations

The following are FedEx Express exceptions to International Air Transport Association (IATA) dangerous-goods regulations. This information is excerpted from the 2018 IATA Dangerous Goods Manual.

FX-01

a) Class 1 articles and substances offered on FedEx International Priority Freight® (IPF), FedEx International Premium® (IP1) or FedEx International Express Freight® (IXF) may require a pre-alert or pre-approval. Call FedEx Express® Freight Customer Service at (877) 398-5851 for additional information (**see Packing Instructions 101–143**). Any Class 1 shipments originating in a non-U.S. location require pre-approval. Call your local FedEx customer service number and ask for FedEx Express Freight customer service.

b) FedEx Express will not accept for transport any explosives assigned to Division 1.3.

FX-02

a) Except for UN 1230 — Methanol and Excepted Quantities (EQ), substances with a primary or subsidiary risk of Division 6.1 in Packing Group I or II:

- with an origin and destination within the USA, including Puerto Rico, will only be accepted if in approved DOT Exemption/Special Permit (SP) packaging;
- will only be accepted for International transport in “V” rated combination packaging.

b) Poison Inhalation Hazard (PIH) with a hazard zone “A” or any Class 2 substance with a toxic primary or subsidiary risk label will not be accepted for carriage.

c) Polychlorinated biphenyls: The following Class 9 materials, if known or suspected to contain PCBs, must be packaged as follows — for liquids: IP3 or IP3A inner metal packaging with absorbent material utilized to fill all available space; for solids: any inner packaging as per applicable packing instruction is permitted. Outer packaging must be a 1A2 steel drum, 4H2 plastic box, USA DOT-SP 8249, 9168 or 11248 (**see Packing Instruction [–] listed after each substance**):

UN Number — Description

UN 2315 — **Polychlorinated biphenyls, liquid** [964]

UN 3077 — **Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s.** [956, Y956]

UN 3082 — **Environmentally hazardous substances, liquid, n.o.s.** [964, Y964]

UN 3432 — **Polychlorinated biphenyls, solid** [956]

d) All U.S. domestic shipments of Division 4.3 must be offered either under a limited quantity “Y” prefix Packing Instruction or offered using a DOT special permit that does not require placarding for road transport. Shipments originating in the U.S. and destined for a non-U.S. location must be offered under a limited quantity “Y” prefix Packing Instruction or dropped off at a FedEx Express staffed facility that accepts dangerous goods. Shipments originating in non-U.S. locations destined for a U.S. location must either be offered under a limited quantity “Y” prefix Packing Instruction or sent as hold for pickup at a staffed FedEx Express facility that accepts dangerous goods.

e) FedEx Express will only accept Oxygen, compressed (UN 1072) when packed in an ATA Specification 300 Category I outer packaging. Packaging must be marked in accordance with the marking criteria of Air Transportation Association (ATA) specification No. 300. In addition, FedEx Express will require the outer package to have the additional tested specification mark of DOT31FP (**see Packing Instruction 200 and USG-15(d)**). The additional tested specification mark of DOT31FP will be required in addition to the specification container utilized and marked for all UN numbers listed in USG-18 which include UN 3156, UN 3157, UN 2451, UN 1070 and UN 3356.

f) When using FedEx International Economy (IE) or FedEx International Economy Freight (IEF) to ship liquids in the primary hazard classes/divisions of 3, 4.2, 5.1, 5.2 and 8, customers must use "V rated" packaging. See www.fedex.com/us; keyword dangerous goods (search field); FedEx Services Available to Ship Dangerous Goods.

FX-03

a) Class 7 substances offered on FedEx International Priority Freight (IPF), FedEx International Premium (IP1) or FedEx International Express Freight (IXF) may require a pre-alert or pre-approval. Call (877) 398-5851 for additional information. The following UN numbers are prohibited when the contents include Plutonium 239 (PU 239) or Plutonium 241 (PU 241): UN 3324, UN 3325, UN 3326, UN 3327, UN 3328, UN 3329, UN 3330, UN 3331 and UN 3333.*

**The FX-03(a) information above replaces the FX-03(a) that appears in the printed edition of the 2018 IATA Variations. It will be added as an addendum to the 2018 Variations.*

b) FedEx Express will not accept labeled radioactive material with a subsidiary risk of 1.4, 3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 8, or 2.2 with a Cargo Aircraft Only label unless the shipper has been pre-approved. Class 7 shipments originating in a non-U.S. location require pre-approval. Call your local FedEx customer service number and ask for FedEx Express Freight customer service.

c) All fissile shipments worldwide require pre-approval. Call (901) 375-6806 and press "4" to reach the next Dangerous Goods Agent for assistance.

d) For mixtures or solutions of radionuclides enter "mixture" or "solution" as appropriate in the Quantity and Type of Packaging in association with the physical and chemical form (e.g., liquid salt solution or solid oxide mixture).

e) FedEx Express will not accept Radioactive Material, Excepted Package (UN 2908, UN 2909, UN 2910, UN 2911) in an Overpack nor will more than one package on a skid/pallet be accepted.

FX-04

a) The following Class 8 substances will not be accepted for carriage (**see Packing Instruction [–] listed after each substance**):

UN Number — Description

UN 1796 — **Nitrating acid mixture**, over 40% concentration [854, 855]

UN 1826 — **Nitrating acid mixtures, spent**, over 40% concentration [854, 855]

UN 2031 — **Nitric acid**, over 40% concentration [854, 855]

When shipping the above substances in acceptable concentrations, the concentration **MUST** be indicated on the Shipper's Declaration in association with the proper shipping name.

b) Hazardous waste as defined in USG-04, will not be accepted for carriage.

c) Division 6.2, items classed as Risk Group 4 by the World Health Organization (WHO) will not be accepted for carriage.

d) The following substances will not be accepted for carriage (**see Packing Instruction [–] listed after each substance**):

UN Number — Description

UN 1001 — **Acetylene, dissolved** [200]

UN 1162 — **Dimethyldichlorosilane** [377]

UN 1308 — **Zirconium suspended in a flammable liquid**, Packing Group I [361]

UN 1873 — **Perchloric acid**, over 50% concentration [553]**

***UN 1873 will be added to FX-04(d) as an addendum to the 2018 IATA Variations. It will not appear in the printed edition of the 2018 Variations.*

e) FedEx Express will not accept for transport any item with an A2 or that meets the definition of A183 or A209 Special Provision even with a Competent Authority approval.

FX-05

a) FedEx Express will not accept UN 3090 or UN 3480 offered as Section II.

b) All UN 3090 lithium metal batteries under Packing Instruction 968 (Section IA, IB) require pre-approval. See www.fedex.com/dangerousgoods; select Get Started then select Lithium Batteries.

c) All lithium batteries (Section I, IA, IB and II) in all packing instructions must not be shipped in the same package as the following dangerous goods classes/divisions: 1.4, 2.1, 3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2 and 8, and 2.2 with a Cargo Aircraft Only label. This includes All Packed in One, Overpacks and combination All Packed in One/Overpacks. Exception: if the only lithium batteries are those contained in temperature control devices and the lithium batteries are Section II. The package must also not require the Lithium Battery Mark or lithium battery handling label and ELB (FedEx Express DG handling code for Section II lithium batteries) must not be selected in the FedEx automation device.

d) When the lithium battery handling label (IATA Figure 7.4.H) is applied to packages/overpacks for Section II UN 3091 and UN 3481 lithium battery shipments, the applicable UN number(s) must be marked on the package adjacent to the lithium battery handling label.

e) Hoverboards or similar self-balancing vehicles will only be accepted from companies if brand new, in unopened, original packaging. Used, refurbished or Hoverboard shipments from individuals, resellers, or third-party shipments will not be accepted.

FX-06 Dangerous goods packages that cannot accommodate all of the required Federal Express and regulatory documentation as well as all required regulatory markings and labeling on the top or sides of the outer package, will not be accepted for carriage. Any required documentation, marking and labeling will not be permitted on the bottom of the package. FedEx branded packaging including brown boxes may not be used to ship dangerous goods or dry ice. Exceptions: FedEx Express® white and brown boxes and tubes may be used for FedEx Express Section II lithium battery shipments. UN 3373, Biological Substance Category B may be shipped in the FedEx UN 3373 Pak and the FedEx Clinical Box.

FX-07 This variation applies only when FX-18 does not apply. Handwritten Shipper's Declarations will not be accepted. The following fields on the Shipper's Declaration must be typed or computer generated:

UN or ID number including the prefix, Proper shipping name, Hazard class or division, Subsidiary risk or division(s), Packing Group, Packaging Type, Packing Instruction, Authorization, Emergency telephone number.

Note: *The technical name may be handwritten.*

For radioactive shipments, in addition to the items listed above the following must also be typed or computer generated:

Radionuclide, Special Form or Physical and Chemical Form. All other entries may be handwritten.

Handwritten alterations/amendments to an entry required to be typed per FX-07 are acceptable if each alteration/amendment is legible and signed with the same signature used to sign the Shipper's Declaration.

FX-08 When a Shipper's Declaration is required, three (3) copies must be provided with each shipment at the origin location. At least two of the copies must have the diagonal hatchings printed vertically in the left and right margins and must be printed in red.

FX-18 Shipper's Declaration for Dangerous Goods for all FedEx Express® dangerous goods shipments must be prepared using software with dangerous goods compliance edit checks and by one of the following methods:

- Certain FedEx electronic shipping solutions;
- Recognized shipper proprietary software; or
- FedEx recognized dangerous goods vendor software.

FX-18 currently does not apply to:

- Shipments originating in non-U.S. locations (including U.S. territories overseas, such as Puerto Rico);
- FedEx International Express Freight (IXF) and FedEx International Premium (IP1);
- Shipments containing class 7 radioactive materials.

Note: A list of FedEx recognized dangerous goods shipping application vendors can be reviewed at www.fedex.com/us; dangerous goods (keyword).