

Update Regarding Lithium Cell/Battery Shipping Regulations

As you may be aware, lithium cells and batteries must meet certain UN transportation criteria before they can be shipped (specifically UN 38.3 testing). This testing is designed to ensure each specific cell or battery type is suitable for transport.

At a recent UN Sub-Committee session, a new requirement was adopted that requires manufacturers of lithium cells and batteries, as well as distributors of these items, to make a Test Summary available upon request. This Test Summary provides evidence that the cell or battery listed meets the UN 38.3 test standards. The intent of this new requirement is to reduce confusion and ambiguity as to whether a cell or battery has met all UN 38.3 test standards.

Beginning January 1, 2020, manufacturers and distributors must make this Test Summary available to any individual in the supply chain (e.g. carriers, consumers, distributors, or regulators) upon request.

Electrochem is fully prepared for this new requirement and will deliver these Test Summary reports as requested.

Below are a few key takeaways for this upcoming change.

- The UN 38.3 test criteria are not changing. This new requirement only requires that the results of these tests be made available if requested.
- It is not required that the Test Summary be present with each shipment, it is only necessary that they be available if requested.
- Electrochem is prepared for this change and will have all Test Summary reports available upon request.
- Electrochem has been in communication with our key shipping carriers to ensure a smooth transition when this requirement goes into effect.

Please email us directly at CustomerSupport@electrochemsolutions.com with any questions or if you would like any additional information about this change.