

ICC REGULATORY GUIDE

LITHIUM BATTERY MARK TRANSITION

49 CFR • TDGR • IATA DGR • IMDG CODE

Key Transition Timeline

Date	49 CFR / IMDG Code IATA DGR	Canada TDG
December 31, 2026	Last day to use the old mark with a telephone number.	Canada remains within its 12-month transition period.
January 1, 2027	New mark without a telephone number required.	Transition period continues until June 17, 2027.
June 17, 2027		Transition period ends. Lithium battery marks may no longer display a telephone number.



What's Changed?

- The requirement for the telephone number has been removed for the lithium battery mark per the 49 CFR, IATA and IMDG Code Regulations. The telephone number can still currently be used until December 31st, 2026.
- The applicable UN number(s) is still required.
- Transport Canada has now harmonized the TDG Regulations with the UN Model Regulations, 49 CFR, IATA DGR, and the IMDG Code by eliminating the telephone number requirement.
- Canada provides a 12-month transition period beginning on the publication date of the amendments ending June 17th 2027.

Key Takeaway

International and United States regulations (49 CFR, IATA, and the IMDG Code) require the revised lithium battery mark without the telephone number beginning January 1, 2027. Canada follows a separate 12-month transition period. Beginning June 17, 2027, shipments subject to the Canadian TDG Regulations must also display the revised lithium battery mark without a telephone number.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- ✓ **Review your current lithium battery labels** and replace any outdated marks with the current compliant version.
- ✓ **Read ICC's Help Center articles** to understand the regulatory changes and transition requirements:
 - Canada Updates the Lithium Battery Mark: [Canada Updates the Lithium Battery Mark | ICC](#)
 - Lithium Battery Mark Transition Ending: [Lithium Battery Mark Transition Ending | ICC](#)
- ✓ **Assess your existing label inventory** and develop a plan for any remaining legacy labels.
- ✓ **Audit your shipping processes** to verify your marking practices meet current regulatory requirements.
- ✓ **Train your team** on the latest lithium battery marking requirements and best practices.
- ✓ **Contact ICC's regulatory experts** if you need guidance on transitioning existing label inventory, auditing your processes, training your staff, or understanding the compliance risks of continuing to use outdated labels.