

Product Alert: TempTale, TagAlert, VaxAlert & FreezeAlert CSB #91

To: Sensitech Customers and Distributors

From: Client Services

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Re: 2011 IATA/ICAO Dangerous Goods Regulations – Lithium Metal Batteries

Affected Sensitech Products

All Sensitech TempTale, TagAlert, VaxAlert and FreezeAlert products except Probeless Dry Ice, USB Dry Ice and RF data loggers; Guidelines for shipping inactive units by international air.

Explanation

The 2011 IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations note some specific changes to the shipment of lithium metal batteries. The Sensitech products identified above should be shipped in accordance with Packing Instruction 970 Section II – Excepted Lithium Metal and Lithium Alloy Cells and Batteries. All Sensitech products containing lithium metal cells meet General Requirements under PI970 and Additional Requirements – Section II

With the exception of Sensitech's Probeless Dry Ice, TempTale RF and USB Dry Ice products the following applies.

Shipping devices **inactive** (not started) under the provisions in PI970 Section II Sensitech products meet the following criteria;

1. a lithium metal or lithium alloy cell, the lithium content is not more than 1 g;

Under Additional Requirements – Section II

Each package containing more than four cells or more than two batteries installed in equipment must be labeled with a 970 lithium battery handling label (example below), **except for button cell batteries installed in equipment (including circuit boards)**;

Based on these guidelines Sensitech devices are exempt with the exception of the 3 products noted above because they contain a single button cell battery installed on a circuit board and less than 1g lithium.

Under these circumstances Sensitech data loggers and indicators may be shipped or redistributed in any quantity unregulated and without additional documentation or declaration.

Supporting documentation is available upon request.

Note: Also available upon request are product data safety sheets from the specific battery manufacturers that serve as supporting documentation.

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Any and all Sensitech TempTale, TagAlert, VaxAlert and FreezeAlert products can be returned for disposal by contacting Client Services via email at <u>clientservices@sensitech.com</u> or via phone at 800-843-8367.

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