

Lithium battery sea freight: document checklist

What to send before a quote. Anxin Lithium Logistics reviews these documents; it does not issue them.

DOCUMENT	USUALLY FROM	NOTES
☐ Commercial invoice	Shipper	Product names as the importer will declare them
☐ Packing list	Shipper	Pieces, weights, dimensions per package
☐ UN 38.3 test summary	Manufacturer	For each battery or cell type in the shipment
☐ Safety data sheet (SDS)	Manufacturer / supplier	Current version matching the battery model
☐ Battery data	Manufacturer	Chemistry, Wh rating or lithium content, state of charge where relevant
☐ Packaging and label photos	Shipper / packer	Outer packs, marks and labels before pickup
☐ DG declaration details	From the shipper's data	Filed by the carrier's agent before loading
☐ Importer details	Importer	Importer of record, broker contact, destination registrations

Also tell us

- Battery configuration: cells or batteries alone, packed with equipment, or contained in equipment
- Condition: new and tested, returned or used, or damaged / defective / recalled
- Origin pickup address or port area, destination port and the final address if delivery is needed
- Importer of record and customs broker at destination, and any product registrations they hold
- Agreed Incoterms® 2020 rule and named place, if already agreed with the buyer

This checklist does not replace dangerous-goods classification under the IMDG Code, which is based on the battery data supplied by the manufacturer. Sending documents starts a review; carrier acceptance is confirmed per shipment.