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Update

New Mandatory Document Submission for DG Lithium Batteries
Ningbo Port (China)

Dear Valued ONE Customers,

As an update to the advisory released on [October 27, 2025](#), the requirement of the **UN 38.3 Test Report for the transport of Class 9 Dangerous Goods through the Port of Ningbo** has been reinstated with an updated submission deadline, effective immediately.

While the submission of the **Safety Data Sheet (SDS)** has been and remains a requirement, the **UN 38.3 Test Report** has been added to the list of documents that must be prepared and submitted for all applicable bookings.

Please ensure adherence to the requirements below to maintain compliance and prevent severe delays, penalties, or cargo refusal at the terminal.

1. Scope of the New Requirements

This rule applies to all lithium battery shipments classified as Class 9 Dangerous Goods with the following UN Numbers:

- **UN 3090** (Lithium metal batteries)
- **UN 3091** (Lithium metal batteries contained in or packed with equipment)
- **UN 3480** (Lithium-ion batteries)
- **UN 3481** (Lithium ion batteries contained in or packed with equipment)
- **UN 3536** (Lithium batteries installed in a cargo transport unit)

Applicability:

The new documentation rule applies to all movements involving Ningbo Port, including load (export), discharge (import), transshipment, and transit.

2. Mandatory Documentation for Booking

For all applicable DG Lithium Battery bookings, the following **two documents** must be **uploaded** to eComm by the submission deadlines listed below:

Required Document	Status	Submission Deadline	Key Action
1. UN 38.3 Test Report	New	1 week before the vessel arrival at Ningbo	Must be provided for the specific battery model being shipped.
2. Safety Data Sheet (SDS)	Existing	At the time of booking	Must be provided (this has been a standing requirement).

Crucial Compliance Alert:

- **The UN 38.3 Test Report is the new mandatory requirement.** This report must clearly show that the battery model meets the safety requirements stipulated in the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria, Part III, Sub-section 38.3.
- **Missing documents** or **document discrepancies** (e.g., mismatched model numbers) will result in **penalties/fines** and may lead to the **rejection of your shipment** or vessel berthing refusal.

3. Effective Date

The new requirements are **effective immediately**.

Please prioritize the immediate preparation and submission of both the **UN 38.3 Test Report** and the **SDS** at the time of your DG booking to ensure uninterrupted operations through Ningbo Port.

Thank you for your continued support and for choosing Ocean Network Express (ONE) to cater to your needs.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your ONE representative.

Sincerely,
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