Customer Advisory

Date: 18th September 2026

Subject: Resumption of Lithium Battery Shipment Acceptance from October 2026

Dear Valued Customers,

Acceptance of lithium battery shipments will resume from 1st October 2026, subject to the requirements below. In order words, we are open to bookings for Lithium batteries cargo from 1st October 2026.

All lithium battery shipments (DG and Non-DG) remain subject to prior review and approval before booking acceptance and loading confirmation.

Please note ESL cargo acceptance criteria for Lithium Battery Shipments:

- ESL will only accept shipments with brand-new lithium batteries.
- ESL prefers to carry batteries from reputable, well-known manufacturers with proven quality control and valid safety certifications (which must be provided at the time of booking request).
- Misdeclaration of cargo contents may result in blacklisting of the responsible party and implementation of cargo misdeclaration fee.
- Lithium batteries must NOT be co-loaded with any other DG cargo in the same container.
- Batteries of different models or chemistries should not be stuffed together in the same container.
- Only batteries installed in equipment or devices (UN3481 / UN3091) are accepted. Loose or standalone cells (UN3480 / UN3090) are strictly prohibited, regardless of DG or non-DG.

Documentation Requirements:

- MSDS, UN38.3 Test Report, SP188, Lithium Battery Information Form should be submitted at the time of booking
- Packing List and Container Loading Photos must be provided after stuffing and before cargo loading.
- All documents must be fully consistent with the actual cargo.
- Shipments with incomplete, inconsistent, or unverifiable documentation will not be accepted for loading.

Note:

- EV (Electric Vehicles, UN3556/UN3557), HEV (Hybrid Electric Vehicles, UN3166) and BESS (Battery Energy Storage Systems, UN3536) are excluded from the above scope and would be treated as DG cargo and follow the standard DG processes.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain safe and compliant vessel operations.

For any clarification, please contact your local sales representative or customer service team.