

# CHECK THE BOX FOR DRY ICE



## DRY ICE IS CONSIDERED A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL WHEN SHIPPED BY AIR.

Are you including dry ice when shipping perishable goods—such as food items, pet food, medicines, or health and wellness products?

If you are shipping smaller amounts of dry ice (**2.5 kg/5.5 lbs., or less**) by air to keep the contents of the package cool, then follow these guidelines. It all comes down to identifying, packaging, and communicating properly (see [49 CFR 173.217](#) for specifics.)

### PACKAGING

Dry ice is solid carbon dioxide that releases carbon dioxide gas as it “melts.” Because of this, dry ice and the other contents of your package need to be packaged securely in a sturdy packaging that permits the release of carbon dioxide gas. This will prevent the buildup of pressure that could rupture the packaging.



### MARKING

The package must be marked clearly and durably with “Dry ice” or “Carbon dioxide, solid” and the name of the contents being cooled. You must also mark the package with the net weight of the dry ice in the package, or indicate that the net weight of the dry ice is 2.5 kg/5.5 lbs., or less.

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**Most express and expedited shipments will likely end up on an aircraft!**



Shippers must arrange with their air carrier before each dry ice shipment, and follow any additional packing instructions from your air carrier. For more, visit **FAA’s fact sheet** by scanning the QR code (left).

