

Dry ice is considered a **hazardous material** when shipped via air or water transportation.

If you are shipping perishable goods, such as food items or medicines, you may be including dry ice in your package to keep the contents cool.



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.

Packaging: Dry ice is solid carbon dioxide that releases carbon dioxide gas as it cools. 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 from the dry ice 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.

This document is not agency guidance. Contact the **Hazardous Materials Information Center** by telephone at **1-800-467-4922** or by e-mail at infocntr@dot.gov for additional compliance assistance. For additional information, see PHMSA's website and the Hazardous Materials Regulations.

