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FAA Proposes $165,000 Penalty Against FedEx for Hazmat Violations

The Federal Aviation Administration, Southern Region, has proposed to assess a $165,000 civil penalty against Federal Express Corp., of Memphis, Tenn. for allegedly violating Department of Transportation hazardous materials regulations.

FAA alleges that the FedEx improperly shipped a fiberboard box containing a chemical oxygen generator on a FedEx cargo flight from Los Angeles to the company's package sorting facility in Memphis where employees discovered the shipment.

FedEx offered the shipment for transportation when it was not packaged, labeled, marked, classed, described, documented, or in condition for shipment as required by regulations. FedEx also failed to ensure employees were trained to properly package and handle hazardous materials, and did not make available at all times the required emergency response information.

FedEx has 30 days from receipt of the FAA notice to submit a reply to the agency. This announcement is made in accordance with the FAA's practice of releasing information to the public on newly issued enforcement actions involving penalties of $50,000 or more.

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