Press Release – FAA Proposes $58, 600 Civil Penalty Against FedEx Corp. for Alleged Hazardous Material Violations

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ATLANTA — The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposes a $58,600 civil penalty against FedEx Corp. of Memphis, Tenn., for allegedly violating Hazardous Materials Regulations.

The FAA alleges FedEx in June 2014 accepted a box containing 1.7 liters of flammable liquid for air transportation that lacked the proper shipping name of the hazardous materials, the agency alleges. The FAA further alleges that in August 2014, FedEx accepted a hazardous materials shipment consisting of two pounds of consumer commodity that had shipping papers incorrectly indicating the amount of hazardous materials inside.

The shipments were not properly classed, described, packaged, marked, labeled and in the condition for shipment required by the Hazardous Materials Regulations, the FAA alleges.

Additionally, the FAA alleges FedEx failed to provide the pilots in command with accurate and legible written information about the amount of hazardous materials on board three other flights in June, July and August 2014. The shipments contained radioactive material, flammable printing ink and flammable and combustible paint.

The FAA discovered the alleged violations during a dangerous goods inspection at the FedEx facility at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, Conn.

FedEx has asked to meet with the FAA to discuss the case.

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