

# Is the energy storage container system a dangerous good





## Overview

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Are battery energy storage systems a threat to maritime safety?

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Are battery energy storage systems safe aboard ships?

In recent months, Gard has received numerous inquiries about the safe transportation of battery energy storage systems (BESS) aboard ships. This article addresses some of the key risks, regulatory requirements, and recommendations for shipping such cargo.

What are the risks of energy storage systems?

**Overweight risks** Due to the large size and mass of energy storage systems, individual units usually weigh over 30 tons. They face higher risks of dropping, impact and vibration during loading, unloading, and transportation.

Are lithium-ion battery energy storage systems safe?

Lithium-ion battery energy storage system (BESS) has rapidly developed and widely applied due to its high energy density and high flexibility. However, the frequent occurrence of fire and explosion accidents has raised significant concerns about the safety of these systems.



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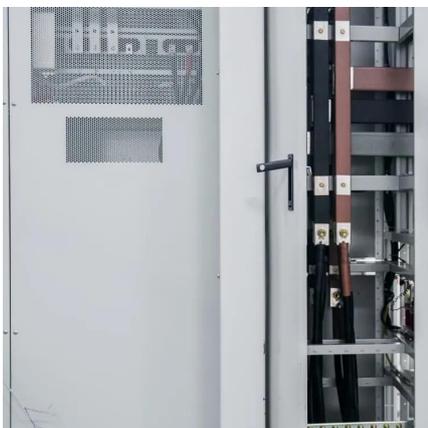
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