



**WORKING PAPER**

**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)**

**TWENTY-SECOND MEETING**

**Montréal, 5 to 16 October 2009**

**Agenda Item 2: Development of recommendations for amendments to the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284) for incorporation in the 2011-2012 Edition**

**CARRIAGE OF ELECTROSHOCK WEAPONS (TASERS)**

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**SUMMARY**

This working paper proposes the addition of text into Part 8 of the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284) to prohibit the carriage of Tasers in passenger baggage other than by law enforcement personnel with the approval of the appropriate national authority of the State of the operator.

**Action by the DGP:** The DGP is invited to agree to the addition of the following text into Part 8;1.1.1 as presented in the appendix.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Tasers are increasingly being issued to law enforcement officers as an alternative to a firearm, as a result airlines are being requested to approve the carriage of Tasers in passenger baggage, or the Tasers are being discovered in baggage as a result of security screening. As a result of this, a paper was presented at DGP-WG08 raising the issue of the carriage of electroshock weapons, commonly referred to by the brand name Taser, in passenger baggage (DGP/22-WP/2, paragraph 3.2.51 refers).

1.2 Based on the discussion at DGP-WG08 it was recommended that a proposal be developed that would permit the carriage in checked baggage of Tasers by law enforcement officers subject to the approval of the appropriate national authority of the State of the Operator.

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APPENDIX

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

Part 8

PROVISIONS CONCERNING  
PASSENGERS AND CREW

Chapter 1

PROVISIONS FOR DANGEROUS GOODS  
CARRIED BY PASSENGERS OR CREW

*Parts of this Chapter are affected by State Variations CH 1, US 15; see Table A-1*

**1.1 DANGEROUS GOODS CARRIED BY PASSENGERS OR CREW**

1.1.1 Except as otherwise provided in 1.1.2, dangerous goods, including excepted packages of radioactive material, must not be carried by passengers or crew members, either as or in carry-on baggage or checked baggage or on their person. Security type equipment such as attaché cases, cash boxes, cash bags, etc., incorporating dangerous goods, for example lithium batteries or pyrotechnic material, are totally forbidden; see entry in Table 3-1. Personal medical oxygen devices that utilize liquid oxygen are prohibited either as or in carry-on baggage or checked baggage or on the person. Electroshock weapons (Tasers) are prohibited in passenger baggage, except when carried by law enforcement officers, with the approval of the appropriate national authority of the State of the Operator, in checked baggage only.

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