DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)

TWENTIETH MEETING

Montréal, 24 October to 4 November 2005

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 2007-2008 Edition

SPECIAL PROVISION A97

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 At WG/05, it was agreed to amend Special Provision A97 in accordance with WG/05 WP/34, which now provides for shippers to decide whether or not to declare substances classified as UN3077 or UN3082 for transport by other modes of transport as dangerous goods for air transport. However, if a shipper chooses not to declare his dangerous goods for air transport, difficulties are likely to be encountered upon acceptance at the airport, because operator staff will see a UN number etc, marked on the package for the other modes and will consequently believe they have been presented with undeclared dangerous goods since the package will not be accompanied by a Dangerous Goods Transport Document. It is suggested that a package marking advising that the package is in accordance with Special Provision A97 would help to avoid potential confusion.

2. PROPOSAL

2.1 Amend Special Provision A97 as follows:

These entries......transit or destination. <u>However, if it is decided not to use these entries for air transport, when contiguous surface transport require their use, packages should bear the following marking:</u>

"Not regulated for air transport in accordance with Special Provision A97"

This designation may also be used......

Secretarial Note.— See DGP/20-WP/6 for complete text of revised A97