DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL

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Agenda Item 2: Development of recommendations for amendments to the Technical Instructions for incorporation in the 2005/2006 edition

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS TO ALIGN TO THE UN RECOMMENDATIONS ---- PART 5

(Presented by the Secretary)

SUMMARY

Below are the draft amendments to Part 5 Chapters 1 and reflect the decisions taken by the UN Subcommittee of Experts at the nineteenth, twentieth and twenty first sessions.

Chapter 1

GENERAL

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1.2 ADDITIONAL GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INFECTIOUS SUBSTANCES

- 1.2.1 The transport of infectious substances requires coordinated action by the shipper, the operator and the consignee to ensure safe transport and arrival on time and in proper condition. To this end, the following measures must be taken:
- a) Advance arrangements between shipper, operator and consignee. Dispatch of infectious substances must not take place before advance arrangements have been made between shipper, operator or consignee and before the consignee has confirmed with his appropriate national authorities that the substances can legally be imported and that no delay will be incurred in the delivery of the consignment to its destination.

- b) Preparation of dispatch documents. In order to secure transmission without hindrance it is necessary to prepare all dispatch documents, including the transport document (see Chapter 4), in strict accordance with rules governing the acceptance of goods to be dispatched;
- c) Routing. Whatever the mode used, transport must be by the quickest routing. If transhipment is necessary, precautions must be taken to ensure special care, expeditious handling and monitoring of the substances in transit.
- d) Timely notification of all transport data by shipper to consignee. The shipper must notify the consignee in advance of transport details. The most rapid means of communication must be used for this notification.
- 1.2.1 Live vertebrate or invertebrate animals must not be used to consign infectious substances unless such substances cannot be consigned by any other means. Infected live animals must not be transported by air unless exempted in accordance with Part 1;1.1.2.