



**WORKING PAPER**

**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)  
WORKING GROUP MEETING (DGP-WG/17)**

Montreal, 24 to 28 April 2017

**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 2019-2020 Edition**

**2.4: Part 4 — Packing Instructions**

**PACKING INSTRUCTIONS Y963**

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**SUMMARY**

The packing instruction for ID8000 is Y963. The prefix “Y” implies that ID8000 must be transported in limited quantities and must comply with all the provisions for limited quantities, including the applicable operator variations in the Instructions. But there is nowhere else in the Instructions that clearly states ID8000 must only be transported in limited quantities. Difficulty is caused by this confusion when transporting ID8000.

**Action by the DGP-WG:** The DGP is invited to clarify if Packing Instruction Y963 means ID8000 must only be transported in limited quantities and to consider whether an amendment to Packing Instruction Y963 should be made to clarify this.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Dangerous goods which are shipped under the provisions of “Y” packing instructions are considered as being shipped in limited quantities. The entry for Column 10 in Part 3;2.1. indicates that “For some entries an alternative packing instruction is shown prefixed with the letter ‘Y’. Such packing instructions are for limited quantities of dangerous goods.”

1.2 Packages prepared in accordance with Packing Instruction Y963 must be durably and legibly marked with the mark shown in Figure 3-1 which is the limited quantities mark, a significant signal for dangerous goods in limited quantities.

1.3 A lot of operators consider “Y” packing instructions as dangerous goods in limited quantities in their variations such as AB-03, DE-01 and GA-03, e.g.:

AB-03 Dangerous goods in limited quantities (“Y” packing instructions) will not be accepted for carriage. (Exception: ID 8000 — Consumer commodity will be accepted.) (See 3;4 of these Instructions, 2.7 of the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations and all “Y” packing instructions.)

1.4 Many operator variations have clearly stated that they do not accept limited quantities, except still accept ID8000, while others do not give an exception to ID8000, such as GF-04 and JU-06, e.g.:

GF-04 The carriage of limited quantities of dangerous goods (“Y” packing instructions) is not permitted.

For “Y” Packing instructions, usually there are the words “limited quantities” under the headline, such as Packing Instruction Y964:

<p><b>Packing Instruction Y964</b>  <b>Limited quantities</b>  Passenger and cargo aircraft for UN 1941, UN 1990, UN 3082 and UN 3334 only</p>
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But the words “limited quantities” are missing in Packing Instruction Y963:

<p><b>Packing Instruction Y963</b>  Passenger and cargo aircraft for ID 8000 only</p>
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1.5 Packing Instruction Y963 was incorporated in the 2011-2012 Edition of the Technical Instructions, and it was formerly known as Packing Instruction 910 in the 2009-2010 and earlier editions. Now when a shipper tries to ship ID8000, the shipment can be easily rejected by an operator which has a variation stating limited quantities will not be accepted and give no exception for ID8000. The shipper could not use a more stringent packing instruction because it is not available in the Instructions.

## 2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP is invited to clarify whether Packing Instruction Y963 means ID8000 must only be transported in limited quantities.

2.2 Based on the comments received, a working paper could be presented to the next meeting.

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