



**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)
WORKING GROUP MEETING (DGP-WG/19)**

Montréal, 1 to 5 April 2019

Agenda Item 2: Managing air-specific safety risks and identifying anomalies

2.2: Develop proposals, if necessary, for amendments to the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284) for incorporation in the 2021-2022 Edition

AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION IN APPROVAL AND EXEMPTION DOCUMENTS

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SUMMARY

This working paper proposes to add a recommendation in the Supplement for States when issuing documents of approvals and exemptions.

Action by the DGP-WG: The DGP-WG is invited to amend the Supplement to the Technical Instructions as shown in the appendix to this working paper.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Technical Instructions establish situations where an approval or exemption may have to be granted by one or more States. The Supplement to the Technical Instructions presents considerations for States when granting exemptions and approvals (Attachment I to Chapter 1).

1.2 Even though the Supplement suggests some information to be considered by States when issuing such documents, it is known that different States have varying formats for issuing exemptions and approvals. Sometimes approval and exemption documents refer to the packing instructions that are only presented in the Supplement.

1.3 Not many operators have the Supplement available at acceptance points to verify some of its packing instructions. This lack of information makes the process of acceptance more difficult to operators and can lead to safety deficiencies.

1.4 In Attachment I to Chapter 1 of the Supplement, there is a list of information that should be inserted by a State in a document of approval or exemption. That list does not clearly recommend that States should add crucial information to the acceptance process from the packing instructions, such as the list of packagings that may be used for a specific transport.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to amend the Supplement to the Technical Instructions as shown in the appendix to this working paper.

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APPENDIX

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SUPPLEMENT TO THE TECHNICAL

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ATTACHMENT I TO CHAPTER 1

GUIDANCE FOR PROCESSING EXEMPTIONS AND APPROVALS FOR THE SAFE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY AIR

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B. CONSIDERATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS AND APPROVALS

It is recognized that competent authorities may have varying formats for issuing exemptions and approvals. The following information is suggested for consideration by States when issuing such documents:

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— additional segregation requirements.

The considerations above are not exhaustive. A full hazard identification and risk assessment should be conducted prior to the State's issuance of approvals and exemptions.

Competent authorities should consider replicating some of the information available in the packing instructions in the document of approval or exemption to facilitate the access to information during the acceptance process by an operator.

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