

DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP) WORKING GROUP MEETING (DGP-WG/22)

Montréal, 21 to 25 November 2022

Agenda Item 2: Managing air-specific safety risks and identifying anomalies (REC-A-DGS-2025)

2.3: Develop proposals, if necessary, for amendments to the Supplement to the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284SU) for incorporation in the 2025-2026 Edition

REPORT OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL WORKING GROUP ON THE SUPPLEMENT (DGP-WG/SUPPLEMENT)

(Presented by Rapporteur of the DGP-WG/SUPP)

SUMMARY

This information paper provides a summary of the activities and upcoming work schedule of the DGP Working Group on the Supplement (DGP WG/SUPP).

1. **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The DGP Working Group on the Supplement (DGP-WG/SUPP) was established at the DGP Working Group Meeting (DGP-WG/20, 19 to 23 October 2020) with the mission of providing guidance to States that supplements the Technical Instructions or explains in greater depth the information contained within Annex 18.
- 1.2 The DGP-WG/SUPP consists of 15 members, who are detailed within Appendix A to this report.
- 1.3 The DGP-WG/SUPP was assigned four specific tasks for the working group (full Terms of Reference attached in Appendix B):
 - a) Develop and propose guidance to States to support industry in achieving an acceptable level of safety;

- b) Develop and propose guidance to assist States in granting approvals and exemptions;
- c) Ensure that the Supplement is maintained and kept up to date; and,
- d) Provide input to the DGP Guidance for the Panel to Aid in Preparation of the Technical Instructions and Supporting Documents.

2. CURRENT WORK SCHEDULE

- 2.1 This year the DGP-WG/SUPP has focused on the first two priorities set within the work schedule, more specifically:
 - a) Developing a process for future maintenance and amendment of the Supplement, where the DGP-WG/SUPP continues to develop Chapter 10 of the document Guidance for the Panel to Aid in Preparation of the Technical Instructions; and,
 - b) Review and update the guidance material in Attachment I to Chapter 1, the Guidance for processing exemptions and approvals for the safe transport of dangerous goods by air.

3. OUTCOMES

- 3.1 In response to 2.1 a) above, the DGP-WG/SUPP have developed and proposed a new working paper template for use by the DGP as an outcome from Work Package 1.3 Develop a process for future maintenance and amendment of the Supplement. This template has been provided to the Secretariat for review and consideration for future implementation ahead of upcoming meetings.
- 3.2 In response to 2.1 b) above, the current draft amendments to update the guidance material in Attachment I to Chapter 1, the Guidance for processing exemptions and approvals for the safe transport of dangerous goods by air, are being presented to the DGP-WG/22 in a working paper (WP/12) for feedback, comments and/or written amendments.

4. UPCOMING CHANGES

- 4.1 The DGP-WG/SUPP will be reviewing its work schedule and the way the work is progressed (including prioritisation and future engagement with the working group).
- 4.2 The Rapporteur of the DGP-WG/SUPP would like to advise the DGP-WG/22 that they will be taking a leave of absence in 2023, and as such will be handing over the position of Rapporteur of the DGP/WG-SUPP and to the current Co-Rapporteur.
- 4.3 The Rapporteur of the DGP-WG/SUPP would like to acknowledge the ongoing commitment demonstrated by its members to this working group and would like to express gratitude for the work completed this year.

APPENDIX A

WORKING GROUP ON THE SUPPLEMENT

LIST OF MEMBERS

	Participant	State/International Organisation
1	Sam Bitossi (Rapporteur)	Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) DGP member – Australia
2	Dave Brennan	International Air Transport Association DGP member – IATA
3	Candy Chan	International Air Transport Association
4	Leonardo Cascardo (Co-Rapporteur)	Agência Nacional de Aviação Civil DGP member – Brazil
5	Tsutotmu Tabata	Civil Aviation Bureau (CAB) DGP member – Japan
6	Alex McCulloch	Global Express Association (GEA)
7	Paolo Privitera	ENAC - Ente Nazionale Aviazione Civile Italian Civil Aviation Authority DGP member – Italy
8	Bheki Ngiba	South African Civil Aviation Authority
9	Remko Dardenne	Belgium Civil Aviation Authority
10	Kristel Vermeersch	KVS & Partners bvba
11	Sabine Schultes	European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC)
12	Andy Altemos	Dangerous Goods Advisory Council (DGAC)
13	Michael Givens	US Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
14	Keith Ranck	US Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
15	Kevin Leary	US Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)

APPENDIX B

WORKING GROUP ON THE SUPPLEMENT

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Mission	Provide guidance to States that supplements the Technical Instructions or explains in					
	greater depth the SARPs contained in Annex 18.					
Tasks	 Develop and propose guidance to States to support industry in achieving an acceptable level of safety. 					
	Develop and propose guidance to assist States in granting approvals and exemptions.					
	3. Ensure that the Supplement is maintained and kept up to date;					
	4. Provide input to the DGP Guidance for the Panel to Aid in Preparation of the Technical Instructions and Supporting Documents.					
Specific working arrangements	A panel member will be appointed as the rapporteur of the working group. The rapporteur will remain impartial and avoid conflicts of interest. The function of the rapporteur is primarily to ensure that the items on the work programme for the specific group are completed in a timely and efficient manner. The rapporteur will report the working group's progress to the DGP along with any recommendations, which may include proposed draft amendments to ICAO provisions. Such reports will be made at a minimum at each full working meeting. The working group will be comprised of panel members, advisors and State observers. It will seek specialized expertise when necessary. The rapporteur will ensure a balanced representation of required expertise. The working group will conduct its work informally. It will coordinate with other DGP					
	working groups and relevant ICAO panels as appropriate. The working group may meet for detailed discussions when required, with ongoing correspondence and work through electronic means. The working group will be assisted by the Secretariat as required.					