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**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 2011/2012 Edition**

**2.3: Part 3 — Dangerous Goods List, Special Provisions and Limited and Excepted Quantities**

**SPECIAL PROVISION A144 FOR PROTECTIVE BREATHING EQUIPMENT (PBE)**

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**SUMMARY**

This paper proposes an amendment to Special Provision A144 which would allow shippers when shipping protective breathing equipment (PBE) to ignore the requirement of Special Provision A1.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 We recently had a situation when a shipment of protective breathing equipment (PBE) shipped under Special Provision A144 was stopped as prior approval of the appropriate authority, required under Special Provision A1, was not issued.

1.2 After reviewing the Technical Instructions, it became apparent that nowhere is an indication that when Special Provision A144 is used, Special Provision A1 can be ignored.

## 2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to add the following text to special provision A144:

### Part 3

## DANGEROUS GOODS LIST, SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND LIMITED AND EXCEPTED QUANTITIES

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### Chapter 3

## SPECIAL PROVISIONS

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A144 Protective breathing equipment (PBE) containing a small chemical oxygen generator for use by aircrew members may be transported on passenger aircraft in accordance with Packing Instruction 523 subject to the following conditions:

- a) the PBE must be serviceable and contained in the manufacturer's original unopened inner packaging (i.e. vacuum sealed bag and protective container);
- b) the PBE may only be consigned by, or on behalf of, an operator in the event that a PBE(s) has been rendered unserviceable or has been used and there is a need to replace such items so as to restore the number of PBEs on an aircraft to that required by pertinent airworthiness requirements and operating regulations;
- c) a maximum of two PBE may be contained in a package;
- d) the statement "Aircrew protective breathing equipment (smoke hood) in accordance with Special Provision A144" must be:
  - (i) included on the dangerous goods transport document;
  - (ii) marked adjacent to the proper shipping name on the package.

If the above conditions are respected, the requirements of special provision A1 do not apply. All other requirements applicable to chemical oxygen generators must apply except that the "cargo aircraft only" handling label must not be displayed.

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