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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

2.5: Part 5 — Shipper's Responsibilities

INFORMATION REGARDING THE USE OF SPECIAL PROVISION(S) ON A SHIPPING DOCUMENT

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SUMMARY

This paper proposes that whenever a special provision is used by a shipper, and a shipping document is used, a reference to the use of special provisions should be included.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 22.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Part 5;4.1.5.8.1a) of the Technical Instructions provides instructions on indicating on a shipping document when Special Provision A1, A2 or A109 are used.

4.1.5.8.1 The dangerous goods transport document must also contain:

a) the packing instruction applied and, when applicable, reference to Special Provision A1, A2 or A109, except for radioactive material;

1.2 Due to the high number of special provisions in existence, when an operator's or ground handling agent's staff is accepting a dangerous goods shipment, he or she often has to verify various special provisions that may have been used by the shipper in order to understand how the shipment was prepared. Having the applicable special provision indicated would accelerate the process and in some occasions, avoid misunderstanding with what the intent of the shipper is. This would also facilitate understanding, when a mistake is discovered, of the possible cause of the error.

2. **ACTION BY THE DGP-WG**

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to revise the text of 4.1.5.8.1a) as follow:

Part 5

SHIPPER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

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Chapter 4

DOCUMENTATION

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4.1.5.8 *Additional requirements*

4.1.5.8.1 The dangerous goods transport document must also contain:

- a) the packing instruction applied and, when applicable, reference to the Special Provision A1, A2 or A100 used, except for radioactive material;

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