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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

2.7: Part 7 — Operator's Responsibilities

OVERPACKS CONTAINING "CARGO AIRCRAFT ONLY" DANGEROUS GOODS

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SUMMARY

This paper proposes to delete Part 5; 1.1 e) and Part 7; 1.3 j) which relate to overpacks containing cargo aircraft only dangerous goods. Amendments made to Part 7 by DGP/21 make these provisions redundant.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 At DGP/21, the provisions in Part 7 of the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284) concerning the accessibility of packages and overpacks containing cargo aircraft only dangerous goods were clarified. This involved the deletion of the requirement for all hazard warning labels and the "cargo aircraft only" label on packages or overpacks to be visible after packages or overpacks had been loaded. Consequently, the *2009-2010 Edition* of the Technical Instructions allows cargo aircraft only dangerous goods to be grouped together such that only the labels on the outer packages or overpacks are visible i.e. those behind the outer packages and overpacks need not have their labels visible. Additionally, such packages and overpacks may now be loaded without accessibility in a Class C cargo compartment.

1.2 No corresponding change was made to Part 5;1.1 e), the General Requirements of the Shipper's Responsibilities which currently states the following:

- e) an overpack is used for packages bearing the "Cargo aircraft only" label only if:
 - 1) the packages are assembled in such a way that clear visibility and easy access to them is possible; or
 - 2) the packages are not required to be accessible under 7;2.4.1; or
 - 3) not more than one package is involved;

1.3 The changes made to Part 7 at DGP/21 indicate that the current provisions of 5;1.1 e), relating to overpacks containing cargo aircraft only dangerous goods are now redundant; if they are loaded in a compartment not meeting the Class C requirements (and so require accessibility) it is the overpack and not the individual packages which need to be accessible, thus it is academic how the packages are assembled or the number which are contained within; if they are loaded in a Class C compartment (and so are not accessible) none of 5;1.1 e) can apply.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to delete:

- a) Part 5;1.1 e) (with the consequent re-numbering of subsequent paragraphs); and
- b) Part 7; 1.3 j) which requires the operator to verify that 5;1.1. e) has been complied with as part of the acceptance check.

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