



WORKING PAPER

**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)
MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE**

The Hague, 3 to 7 November 2008

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

CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS ON HELICOPTERS

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SUMMARY

This working paper invites the working group to discuss whether it would be appropriate for the Technical Instructions to contain requirements addressed specifically to helicopters.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Technical Instructions have been developed principally with large fixed-wing aircraft operations in mind. Certain requirements of the Technical Instructions and the *Emergency Response Guidance for Aircraft Incidents involving Dangerous Goods* (Doc 9481) do not easily align to helicopter operations. For example:

- a) No mention is made within the Technical Instructions, the *Supplement to the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284su) or the *Emergency Response Guidance* regarding the carriage of dangerous goods in under slung loads; and
- b) Part 1.2 of the *Emergency Response Guidance* refers to the locations onboard helicopters capable of carrying freight and recognizes that the hold classification criteria applicable to such stowage is different to those applicable to aeroplanes. No conclusion is drawn, however, establishing whether helicopters under floor and tail stowage are considered main deck cargo compartments, and thus subject to the hold classification restrictions detailed in 7.2.1. of the Technical Instructions.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to discuss whether it would be appropriate for the Technical Instructions to contain requirements addressed specifically to helicopters; and if so, this could be a non-recurrent work item for this coming biennium.

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