



WORKING PAPER

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

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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

PROMULGATION OF CHANGES TO THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

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SUMMARY

This working paper seeks to introduce an opportunity for States to comment on changes to the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284) following a panel meeting.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Panel members will be aware of the process involved in amending the Technical Instructions i.e. following a Panel Meeting, a report is submitted to the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) who, when content, will recommend adoption to the Council. When Council is satisfied, the new edition of the Technical Instructions is published. This is different to the process for changes to Annex 18 — *The Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* which are promulgated via a State letter prior to publication, thus affording States the opportunity to comment. It is suggested that since the Technical Instructions are often introduced into national legislation by reference, States should have a similar opportunity to comment on any amendments.

1.2 It is understood that the current amendment process, which was agreed when the Technical Instructions were created, was introduced for two basic reasons. Firstly, the text was largely based on that of the UN (and had, as such, been reviewed by Member States in that forum) and secondly the short timescale made it impossible to circulate the new text to States in time for comment prior to publishing. However, this was before the advent of email and the internet and it is suggested the process should be reviewed.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to discuss whether the Secretary should be tasked with investigating the possibility of changing the current process of amending the Technical Instructions, so that States would have the opportunity to comment on changes prior to publication.

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