



WORKING PAPER

DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)

THIRTIETH MEETING

Montréal, 6 to 10 October 2025

Agenda Item 10: Other business

AGENDA, TERMS OF REFERENCE, WORK PROGRAMME

(Presented by the Secretary)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The agenda for the thirtieth meeting of the Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP/30), as approved by the Air Navigation Commission under cover of P/ANC 2025/15, dated 19 May 2025, is reproduced in Appendix A. For ease of reference in compiling the report, the numbers and headings of the agenda items will be included exactly as written in Appendix A. The report will show all information and action taken relative to the agenda item.

1.2 The terms of reference and work programme, as approved by the Air Navigation Commission, are presented in Appendices B and C.

2. LANGUAGES OF THE MEETING

2.1 The working languages of the meeting, as approved by the Air Navigation Commission, are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Due to budget constraints, interpretation services will be limited to a maximum of seven three-hour sessions, with no more than three consecutive sessions in any two successive days. This is reflected in the provisional timeline for DGP/30 agenda items appearing in Appendix D.

3. ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

3.1 The provisional timeline for DGP/30 agenda items appearing in Appendix D will be approved by the meeting during the opening session. It will be used as an initial guideline for the time that is expected to be spent on each item. It should be noted that the approved timeline may, if the need arises, be adjusted at any time during the session by further agreement among the members.

3.2 The meeting will sit as a whole to deal with the agenda. Small drafting groups or ad hoc working groups may also be formed as necessary. Such groups, if established, will have a nominated

rapporteur and work informally without interpretation services. They will normally meet during sessions where no interpretation is provided (see Appendix D) or outside of the hours of the main meeting.

4. **WORKING HOURS**

4.1 The working hours proposed are 0930 (except for the special opening session) to 1230 hours and 1400 to 1700 hours with short coffee breaks. The opening session on Monday, 6 October will begin at 1000 preceded by an informal meeting of panel members only at 0945.

5. **ACTION BY THE DGP**

5.1 The DGP is invited to:

- a) note the agenda at Appendix A;
- b) note the terms of reference in Appendix B;
- c) note the work programme in Appendix C; and
- d) approve the proposed timeline in Appendix D with the understanding that it will be subject to further review and amendment, if necessary, as the meeting progresses.

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APPENDIX A

AGENDA FOR THE THIRTIETH MEETING OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP/30)

Agenda Item 1: Harmonizing ICAO dangerous goods provisions with UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (REC-A-DGS-2027)

- 1.1: Develop proposals, if necessary, for amendments to Annex 18 — *The Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air*
- 1.2: Develop proposals, if necessary, for amendments to the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284) for incorporation in the 2027-2028 Edition
- 1.3: Develop proposals, if necessary, for amendments to the *Supplement to the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284SU) for incorporation in the 2027-2028 Edition

Agenda Item 2: Managing air-specific safety risks and identifying anomalies (REC-A-DGS-2027)

- 2.1: Develop proposals, if necessary, for amendments to Annex 18 — *The Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air*
- 2.2: Develop proposals, if necessary, for amendments to the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284) for incorporation in the 2027-2028 Edition
- 2.3: Develop proposals, if necessary, for amendments to the *Supplement to the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284SU) for incorporation in the 2027-2028 Edition
- 2.4: Development of proposals, if necessary, for amendments to the *Emergency Response Guidance for Aircraft Incidents Involving Dangerous Goods* (Doc 9481) for incorporation in the 2027-2028 Edition

Agenda Item 3: Facilitating safe transport of dangerous goods by air (Ref: REC-A-DGS-2027)

Agenda Item 4: Managing safety risks posed by the carriage of energy storage devices by air (Ref: Job Card DGP.003.05)

Agenda Item 5: Clarifying State oversight responsibilities in Annex 18 (Ref: Job Card DGP.005.05)

Agenda Item 6: Dangerous goods provisions to support RPAS operations (Ref: Job Card DGP.007.02)

Agenda Item 7: Aviation security/dangerous goods coordination

Agenda Item 8: Coordination with other Air Navigation Commission panels

Agenda Item 9: Harmonization of *Guidance Material for the Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP) to Aid in the Preparation of the Technical Instructions and Supporting Documents* with revised dangerous goods provisions

Agenda Item 10: Other business

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APPENDIX B

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)

Background	<p>Following a recommendation (7/1) by the Accident Investigation and Prevention Divisional Meeting (3 to 24 June, 1974) that ICAO should consider carriage of hazardous materials in aircraft, the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) (80-16, 17 and 18) agreed that a panel should be established to develop SARPs and supporting technical material on the carriage of dangerous goods by aircraft. The general approach developed by the Commission was subsequently approved by the Council (88-2) on 9 June 1976. On 16 June 1976, the ANC (82-9) agreed to the establishment of the Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP) and approved the tasks assigned to it.</p>
Scope	<p>The DGP will undertake specific studies and develop and/or review ICAO provisions related to dangerous goods as set forth in Annex 18 and other relevant Annexes in response to evolving technologies and the introduction of new dangerous articles and substances. The DGP will work to harmonize the provisions with those for all modes of transport while considering additional and often more stringent requirements necessary for transport by air.</p>
Required Competencies	<p>The panel shall preferably be composed of experts familiar with the provisions contained in Annex 18, the Technical Instructions, and have experience in one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) chemical and physical characteristics;b) transporting dangerous goods by air;c) safety management including hazard identification; safety risk assessment and mitigation; and performance monitoring and measurement;d) regulatory oversight ande) cargo compartment and fire suppression knowledge.
Objective(s)	<p>Develop and maintain a global strategy to address risks associated with the transport of dangerous goods by air through the development and maintenance of applicable Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), the Technical Instructions and its related document and guidance material for the safe transport of dangerous goods by air. This includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) promoting inter-organizational/intermodal harmonization intended to facilitate safe transport;b) identifying gaps in dangerous goods safety regulations;c) identifying risks related to the transport of dangerous goods by air;d) developing performance-based mitigation strategies to address risks; ande) developing guidance for dangerous goods training and outreach with the goal of attaining full compliance with regulations by all entities involved.

**Specific
Working
Arrangements**

As defined in the “Directives for Panels of the Air Navigation Commission”, ICAO Doc 7984, Chapter 3.4.5.2, the panel chairperson may establish additional working groups as necessary.

The DGP should coordinate its work with the various groups of experts responsible for other Annexes and disciplines, as appropriate including the Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP) and the Facilitation Panel (FALP).

The work of the panel is coordinated with international organizations including but not limited to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), International Maritime Organization (IMO), World Health Organization (WHO) and the Universal Postal Union (UPU).

Due to the need for biennial harmonization with the UN Recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods, the DGP works on a biennial cycle of preparatory meetings with one panel meeting held in the third quarter of Year 2 so that the next biennial edition of Doc 9284, Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air, can be reviewed and approved by the ANC and Council in the first quarter of year three, with publication in the third quarter, for operational use from 1 January of Year 4.

Initial issue date:

Date of assessment:

Date approved by Expert
Group:

Date Approved by ANC:

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APPENDIX C

DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL WORK PROGRAMME

Job Cards		
Lead (Primary)		
DGP.003.05	Mitigating safety risks posed by the carriage of lithium batteries by air	
DGP.005.05	Clarifying State oversight responsibilities in Annex 18	
DGP.007.02	Dangerous goods provisions to support RPAS operations	
Collaborating (Supporting)		
AIRP.012.07	Control of electromagnetic radiation risks posed by the carriage of battery-powered devices in baggage, cargo and mail that are active when inside the aircraft cargo compartment	AIRP
ATMRPP.001.05	Implementation of Flight and Flow Information for a Collaborative Environment (FF-ICE)	ATMRPP
ATMRPP.011.02	Accommodation of additional flight plan information in the ICAO flight plan (2012 FPL) while transitioning to FF-ICE	ATMRPP
FLTOPSP.053.01	Areas of authorized operations	FLTOPSP
FLTOPSP.054.01	Improving helicopter safety and security	FLTOPSP
FLTOPSP.055.01	Commercial Air Transport - Airship	FLTOPSP
IMP.007.03	NOTAM	IMP
IMP.015.02	Information Management Vocabulary	IMP
PTLP.001.05	CBTA implementation for all personnel licences	PTLP
SCGSWG.001.01	Structure of the dangerous goods provisions	FLTOPSP-SCGSWG
SCGSWG.002.02	Dangerous goods risks introduced by entities in the cargo supply chain	FLTOPSP-SCGSWG
SCGSWG.003.02	Procedures for preventing and responding to incidents involving lithium batteries carried by crew, passengers and the operator aboard the aircraft	FLTOPSP-SCGSWG
SMP.020.04	Guidance to support the implementation of Annex 19 safety assurance provisions	SMP
SMP.021.04	Advanced safety risk management provisions, methodologies and tools	SMP
SMP.023.03	Integrated approach for safety analysis	SMP
TFP.003.03	Information Security Framework	TFP
Work Packages not associated with Job Cards		
Lead (Primary)		
REC-A-DGS-2027	Maintenance of Annex 18 SARPs and Other Supporting Provisions	

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APPENDIX D

PROPOSED TIME SCHEDULE FOR DISCUSSION AT DGP/30

Date	6	7	8	9	10
Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Special sessions	A				
Discussion sessions	1, 5, 6, 2	2, 3, 4	4, 6, 8	7, 9, 10	
Approval of draft report on agenda items					ALL ITEMS
Interpretation provided	am	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	pm	Yes	No	No	Yes

- A The special session is the opening session at 1000; this will be preceded by an informal meeting of panel members only at 0945.

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