



## **DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)**

### **THIRTIETH MEETING**

**Montréal, 6 to 10 October 2025**

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

##### **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**

#### **FUTURE WORK OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL WORKING GROUP ON THE SUPPLEMENT (DGP-WG/SUPPLEMENT)**

(Presented by the Rapporteur of the Dangerous Goods Panel Working Group on the Supplement (DGP-WG/Supplement))

#### **SUMMARY**

This information paper provides a summary of the activities and upcoming work schedule of the DGP Working Group on the Supplement (DGP-WG/Supplement).

##### **Action by the DGP: The DGP is invited to:**

- a) discuss the future work of DGP-WG/Supplement, focusing on the following topics:
  - 1) **Scope of the Supplement:** It is proposed that the Supplement continue to cover the list of dangerous goods, packing instructions, and processes related to approvals and exemptions. Other guidance, such as training programme approvals, operational manual approvals, and other guidance, could be moved to the forthcoming guidance document supporting Annex 18.
  - 2) **Restructuring of the Supplement:** DGP-WG/Supplement could focus on reorganizing the Supplement based on the proposed scope, ensuring a clear distinction between what remains in the Supplement and what is addressed in the new guidance document.
  - 3) **Alignment with the UN Model Regulations and the Technical Instructions:** DGP-WG/Supplement should discuss mechanisms to ensure that the Supplement remains aligned with the UN Model Regulations and the Technical Instructions, maintaining consistency in terminology, limitations, processes, and guidance provided to States and industry.
- b) determine an updated composition of DGP-WG/Supplement based on a show of hands during discussion of this working paper from those interested in becoming a member.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The DGP Working Group on the Supplement (DGP-WG/Supplement) was established at the DGP Working Group Meeting in 2020 (DGP-WG/20, Virtual, 19 to 23 October 2020) with the mission of providing guidance to States that supplements the Technical Instructions or explains in greater depth the information contained within Annex 18.

1.2 DGP-WG/Supplement was assigned four specific tasks as described in its terms of reference (see the appendix to this working paper):

- a) develop and propose guidance to States to support industry in achieving an acceptable level of safety;
- b) develop and propose guidance to assist States in granting approvals and exemptions;
- c) ensure that the Supplement is maintained and kept up to date; and,
- d) provide input for the DGP *Guidance for the Panel to Aid in Preparation of the Technical Instructions and Supporting Documents*.

1.3 In previous sessions, the working group's activities were constrained due to the need for coordination with the work of the DGP Working Group on Annex 18 (DGP-WG/Annex 18). One of the objectives of that group is the development of a guidance document for Annex 18, which overlaps in certain areas with the Supplement's scope, given that the Supplement is also used as guidance for certain aspects of the safe transport of dangerous goods by air.

1.4 Now that the work of DGP-WG/Annex 18 has significantly progressed and the development of a dedicated guidance document for Annex 18 is clearly defined, it is timely for DGP-WG/Supplement to resume its activities and provide input on the Supplement in line with current needs.

1.5 At the DGP's 2025 working group meeting (DGP-WG/25, Delhi, 21 to 25 April 2025), a discussion took place on the Supplement and its broader context (see paragraph 4.2.3.3 of the DGP-WG/25 report), highlighting the need to revisit the document. This discussion reinforced the importance of reviewing how the Supplement should interact with the UN Model Regulations and the Technical Instructions, ensuring alignment and clarity in the guidance provided to States and industry.

1.6 In addition, it was recognized that the list of members of DGP-WG/Supplement should be updated. Participants should be invited to indicate during DGP/30, by a show of hands, their interest in taking part in the group so that the membership can be refreshed accordingly.

## 2. ACTION BY THE DGP

2.1 In light of the above, the DGP is invited to:

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**APPENDIX**  
**WORKING GROUP ON THE SUPPLEMENT**  
**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

<b>DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL WORKING GROUP OF THE SUPPLEMENT (DGP-WG/SUPPLEMENT)</b>	
<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	
<b>Mission</b>	<p>To:</p> <p>Provide guidance to States that supplements the Technical Instructions or explains in greater depth the basic information contained within Annex 18.</p>
<b>Tasks</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop and propose guidance to States to support industry in achieving an acceptable level of safety.</li> <li>2. Develop and propose guidance to assist States in granting approvals and exemptions.</li> <li>3. Ensure that the Supplement is maintained and kept up to date;</li> <li>4. Provide input to the DGP <i>Guidance for the Panel to Aid in Preparation of the Technical Instructions and Supporting Documents</i>.</li> </ol>
<b>Specific working arrangements</b>	<p>A panel member will be appointed as the rapporteur of the working group. The rapporteur will remain impartial and avoid conflicts of interest. The function of the rapporteur is primarily to ensure that the items on the work programme for the specific group are completed in a timely and efficient manner. The rapporteur will report the working group's progress to the DGP along with any recommendations, which may include proposed draft amendments to ICAO provisions. Such reports shall be made at a minimum at each Working Group of the Whole.</p> <p>The working group will comprise of panel members, advisors and state observers. It will seek specialized expertise when necessary. The rapporteur will ensure a balanced representation of required expertise and reserves the right to limit the number of participants for the sake of efficiency.</p> <p>The working group will conduct its work informally. It will coordinate with other DGP working groups and relevant ICAO panels as appropriate.</p> <p>The Working Group may meet for detailed discussions as required, with ongoing correspondence and work via e-mail. The Working Group shall be assisted by the Secretariat as required.</p>

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