



DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)

THIRTIETH MEETING

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

**NEW SPECIAL PROVISION FOR UN 1544 - ALKALOIDS, SOLID, N.O.S.* UN 1544 -
ALKALOID SALTS, SOLID, N.O.S.* UN 3140 - ALKALOIDS, LIQUID, N.O.S.* UN 3140 -
ALKALOID SALTS, LIQUID, N.O.S.***

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SUMMARY

With the aim of minimizing any probability of delay or security interference such as theft in the supply chain, when a controlled substance is in transport and a national law or international Convention prohibits disclosure of the technical name, this paper proposes the addition of a new special provision which would indicate to the cargo acceptance staff the reason why the technical name is not present.

Action by the DGP: The DGP-WG is invited to agree to the amendments proposed in the appendix to this working paper.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Air transport of controlled substances is used to reduce the risk of security issues, such as theft, in the supply chain by enabling faster delivery.

1.2 There are presently two references found in the Technical Instructions indicating that the technical or chemical group names are not required, despite the presence of an asterisk in column 1 of the Dangerous Goods List, if a national law or international convention prohibits their disclosure if it is a controlled substance (3;1.2.7.1 and 5;4.1.5.5).

Part 3

1.2.7 Generic or “not otherwise specified” (n.o.s.) names

1.2.7.1 Generic and “not otherwise specified” proper shipping names, indicated by the inclusion of an asterisk in column 1 of the Dangerous Goods List, must be supplemented with the technical or chemical group names unless a national law or international convention prohibits their disclosure if it is a controlled substance ...

Part 5

4.1.5.5 *Infectious substances and controlled substances*

The dangerous goods transport document must also include the name and telephone number of a responsible person when a national law or international convention prohibits the disclosure of the technical name following an "n.o.s.*" entry or for infectious substances, UN 2814 and UN 2900.



**Figure 1. Consignment of UN 1544 alkaloid salts, solid, n.o.s.
(note the absence of a technical name)**

1.3 The issue is that transport documents currently do not indicate these exemptions, which could lead to delays until it's confirmed that the substance is controlled.

1.4 One industry association, the International Air Transport Association (IATA), has a temporary Special Provision (A801) to indicate that a national law or international convention prohibits the disclosure of the technical name as it is a controlled substance.

“A801 A technical name is not needed for this entry if it is a controlled substance and a national law or international Convention prohibits its disclosure (see 4.1.2.1(d)).”

2. ACTION BY THE DGP

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to agree to the amendments proposed in the appendix to this working paper which:

- a) add a new special provision to Table 3-2; and
- b) assign the new special provision to UN 1544 – **Alkaloids, solid, n.o.s.**, UN 1544 – **Alkaloid salts, solid, n.o.s.**, UN 3140 – **Alkaloids, liquid, n.o.s.** and UN 3140 – **Alkaloid salts, liquid, n.o.s.*** in column 7 of Table 3-1.

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APPENDIX

PROPOSED CHANGES TO TABLE 3-1

Part 3

DANGEROUS GOODS LIST,
SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND
LIMITED AND EXCEPTED QUANTITIES

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Chapter 2

ARRANGEMENT OF THE
DANGEROUS GOODS LIST (TABLE 3-1)

Table 3-1. Dangerous Goods List

Name	UN No.	Class or division	Sub-sidiary hazard	Labels	State variations	Special provisions	UN packing group	Excepted quantity	Passenger and cargo aircraft		Cargo aircraft only	
									Packing instruction	Max. net quantity per package	Packing instruction	Max. net quantity per package
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Alkaloid salts, liquid, n.o.s.*	3140	6.1		Toxic		A3 A4 A6 AXXX	I II III	E5 E4 E1	652 654 Y641 655 Y642	1 L 5 L 1 L 60 L 2 L	658 662 663	30 L 60 L 220 L
Alkaloid salts, solid, n.o.s.*	1544	6.1		Toxic		A3 A5 A6 AXXX	I II III	E5 E4 E1	666 669 Y644 670 Y645	5 kg 25 kg 1 kg 100 kg 10 kg	673 676 677	50 kg 100 kg 200 kg
Alkaloids, liquid, n.o.s.*	3140	6.1		Toxic		A3 A4 A6 AXXX	I II III	E5 E4 E1	652 654 Y641 655 Y642	1 L 5 L 1 L 60 L 2 L	658 662 663	30 L 60 L 220 L
Alkaloids, solid, n.o.s.*	1544	6.1		Toxic		A3 A5 A6 AXXX	I II III	E5 E4 E1	666 669 Y644 670 Y645	5 kg 25 kg 1 kg 100 kg 10 kg	673 676 677	50 kg 100 kg 200 kg

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Chapter 3

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

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Table 3-2. Special provisions

<i>TIs</i>	<i>UN</i>
<u>AXXX</u>	<u>The technical or chemical group names are not required to be indicated on a dangerous goods transport document or on the package if a national law or international convention prohibits its disclosure if it is a controlled substance (see 3;1.2.7.1). The dangerous goods transport document must also include the name and telephone number of a responsible person when a national law or international convention prohibits the disclosure of the technical name (see 5;4.1.5.5).</u>

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