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DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP) WORKING GROUP MEETING (DGP-WG/26)

Centurion, South Africa, 26 to 30 October 2026

- Agenda Item 2: Managing air-specific safety risks and identifying anomalies (REC-A-DGS-2029)**
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 2029-2030 Edition

INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES

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SUMMARY

With the aim of clarifying the meaning of a requirement, we invite a discussion to clarify the intent of the term “must” and verify if the text can be enhanced in future meetings, via working papers or work group activities.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The text under Part 1;4.6.1 of the Technical Instructions indicates an imperative requirement, associated with the term “must”, as follow:

4.6 INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES

4.6.1 Unless otherwise provided for by the appropriate national authority, instructors of initial and recurrent dangerous goods training must demonstrate or be assessed as competent in instruction and the function(s) that they will instruct prior to delivering such training.

- 1.2 The issue of in-house or contracted instructors not performing adequately is not new and is a safety hazard, as it can lead to misinformation to be decimate among trainees which can be a root cause to failures of different degrees of severity.

- 1.3 This imperative requirement brings up many questions such as:

- a) Demonstrate to whom? The State or the Operator?
- b) Be assessed by whom? The State or the Operator?
- c) To demonstrate or be assessed, should a “Training Monitor” be conducted?

d) How can the demonstration or assessment be documented?

1.4 As this is the first of three meeting that will be developing recommendations for amendments to the 2029-2030 edition of the Technical Instructions, this may be the opportunity, should the working group agree to clarify the requirements.

2. **ACTION BY THE DGP-WG**

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to discuss how this requirement is applied in their States.

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