



**WORKING PAPER**

**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**

**EDITORIAL CORRECTION OF REFERENCES TO INCIDENT REPORTING  
REQUIREMENTS IN PACKING INSTRUCTIONS 650, 953 AND 959**

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**SUMMARY**

This working paper proposes editorial corrections to Packing Instructions 650, 953, and 959 to remove the term “incident” from references to reporting requirements. The current wording in a limited number of instances refers to “incident reporting requirements in 7;4.4 and 7;4.5”, which may unintentionally suggest that the requirements apply only in cases meeting the definition of a dangerous goods incident under 1;3.1.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Packing Instructions 650, 953, and 959 contain references to reporting requirements that include the term “incident”.

1.2 The term “dangerous goods incident” is defined in 1;3.1 and refers to specific occurrences involving damage, leakage, fire, or other evidence that packaging integrity has not been maintained.

1.3 The use of the term “incident reporting requirements” in certain packing instructions may lead to an unintended interpretation that reporting obligations apply only when an event meets the definition of a dangerous goods incident under 1;3.1.

1.4 This could create ambiguity regarding the applicability of reporting requirements in situations that fall outside the strict definition of an incident but are still subject to mandatory reporting under Sections 7;4.4 and 7;4.5.

1.5 In order to avoid such potential misunderstanding and to ensure consistency across the Technical Instructions, it is proposed to remove the word “incident” from these references.

1.6 This amendment is editorial in nature and does not modify the scope, intent, or application of the reporting requirements.

1.7 Additionally, it is noted that Packing Instruction 953 references the reporting requirements of 7;4.4 only, whereas other packing instructions include references to both 7;4.4 and 7;4.5. The absence of a reference to 7;4.5 in this packing instruction may create uncertainty as to whether the full reporting framework was intended to apply, or whether certain reporting obligations were inadvertently omitted. The working group may wish to confirm whether this difference is intentional or editorial in nature, in order to ensure consistency across packing instructions and avoid unintended gaps in the application of reporting requirements.

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

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to discuss the proposed amendment in the appendix to this working paper.

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## APPENDIX

### PROPOSED EDITORIAL CHANGES TO THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

#### Part 4

### PACKING INSTRUCTIONS

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#### Chapter 8

### CLASS 6 – TOXIC AND INFECTIOUS SUBSTANCES

#### 8.1 PACKING INSTRUCTIONS

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| Packing Instruction 650                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3. |
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| ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |    |
| 11) Infectious substances assigned to UN 3373 which are packed and marked in accordance with this packing instruction are not subject to any other requirement in these Instructions except for the following:          |    |
| a) the name and address of the shipper and of the consignee must be provided on each package. The information may be applied through the use of a barcode, QR code or other equivalent means;                           |    |
| b) the name and telephone number of a person responsible must be provided on a written document (such as an air waybill) or on the package;                                                                             |    |
| c) classification must be in accordance with 2;6.3.2;                                                                                                                                                                   |    |
| d) the <del>incident</del> reporting requirements in 7;4.4 and 7;4.5 must be met;                                                                                                                                       |    |
| e) the inspection for damage or leakage requirements in 7;3.1.3 and 7;3.1.4; and                                                                                                                                        |    |
| f) passengers and crew members are prohibited from transporting infectious substances either as, or in, carry-on baggage or checked baggage or on their person.                                                         |    |
| <i>Note.— When the shipper or consignee is also the “person responsible” as referred to in b), the name and address need be marked only once in order to satisfy the name and marking provisions in both a) and b).</i> |    |

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## Chapter 11

### CLASS 9 – MISCELLANEOUS DANGEROUS GOODS

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#### Packing Instruction 953

Passenger and cargo aircraft for UN 2807 only

| <i>UN number and proper shipping name</i> | <i>Quantity –<br/>passenger</i> | <i>Quantity –<br/>cargo</i> |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| UN 2807 <b>Magnetized material</b>        | No limit                        | No limit                    |

Magnetized materials with field strengths causing a compass deflection of more than 2 degrees at a distance of 2.1 m but not more than 2 degrees at a distance of 4.6 m (equivalent to 0.418 A/m or 0.00525 Gauss measured at a distance of 4.6 m) are not subject to any other requirements in these Instructions when carried as cargo except for the following:

- the shipper must make prior arrangements with the operator identifying the magnetized material. The dangerous goods transport document requirements of Part 5;4 are not applicable provided alternative written or electronic documentation includes the words “magnetized material” in association with the description of the goods;
- the package must bear the magnetized material handling label;
- the operator must stow the packaged magnetized material in accordance with 7;2.10; and
- the ~~incident~~ reporting requirements of 7;4.4 [and 7;4.5] must be met.

Magnetized material with a field strength sufficient to cause a compass deflection of more than 2 degrees at a distance of 4.6 m may only be transported with the prior approval of the appropriate authority of the State of Origin and the State of the Operator.

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#### Packing Instruction 959

Passenger and cargo aircraft for UN 3245 only

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GMOs or GMMOs assigned to UN 3245 which are packed and marked in accordance with this packing instruction are not subject to any other requirement in these Instructions except for the following:

- the name and address of the shipper and of the consignee must be provided on each package;
- classification must be in accordance with 2;9.2 c);
- the ~~incident~~ reporting requirements in 7;4.4 and 7;4.5 must be met;
- the inspection for damage or leakage requirements in 7;3.1.3 and 7;3.1.4;
- passengers and crew members are prohibited from transporting UN 3245 either as, or in, carry-on baggage or checked baggage or on their person.

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