



WORKING PAPER

**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)
WORKING GROUP MEETING (DGP-WG/24)**

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Agenda Item 8: Coordination with other Air Navigation Commission panels

RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO THE OPERATIONS SPECIFICATIONS TEMPLATE

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SUMMARY

With the aim of making aviation documents as clear as possible, this working paper seeks a discussion on whether the Dangerous Goods Panel would support a proposal for the Secretary to bring a recommended change to the operations specifications template in Annex 6, Parts I and III.

Action by the DGP-WG: Action by the DGP-WG/ is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In both Annex 6 — *Operation of Aircraft*, Part I — *International Commercial Air Transport — Aeroplanes* and Part III — *International Operations — Helicopters*, there are templates for the air operator certificate (AOC) and operations specifications for each aircraft model. In both documents are references which mention that the State of the Operator should indicate in the operations specification if the operator has been issued a specific approval to transport dangerous goods as cargo. In both Part I and III of Annex 6 are templates which state “Dangerous goods” with the option of “Yes” or “No”.

| SPECIFIC APPROVAL | YES | NO | DESCRIPTION ⁹ | REMARKS |
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| Dangerous goods | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Figure 1. Extract from the layout for operations specifications contained in Annex 6, Part I, Appendix 6

1.2 While the concept is clear, there has been confusion on multiple occasions as to the meaning of the term “Dangerous goods”. It is suggested that a more descriptive term such as “Dangerous goods as cargo” would minimize confusion.

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

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to request the Secretary to bring a recommendation for clarification to the Flight Operations Panel for a future amendment.

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