



**WORKING PAPER**

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**GUIDANCE ON WHAT CONSTITUTES “PERSONAL USE” IN THE CONTEXT OF  
PERMITTED ITEMS IN PASSENGER AND CREW BAGGAGE**

(Presented by the Dangerous Goods Advisory Council (DGAC))

**SUMMARY**

This working paper is presented to provide guidance in Part 8;1 of the Technical Instructions on what constitutes “personal use” in the context of permitted items in passenger and crew baggage.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The potential situation of medical personnel carrying items of dangerous goods for urgent medical care not being able to carry such items as they were not for the “personal use” of the passenger was discussed at the 2024 Working Group Meeting of the Dangerous Goods Panel (Montréal, 21 to 25 October 2024) (DGP-WG/24) (see paragraph 4.3.1 of the DGP-WG/24 Report). A proposal was made to include such items in Table 8-1 of the Technical Instructions, and whilst there was a general agreement that such items should be permitted for carriage by a passenger, the working group believed that rather than add more items to the list a better approach would be to provide guidance on what constituted “personal use” and also what should not.

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

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to consider adding a new note to Part 8;1.1.1 of the Technical Instructions as shown in the appendix to this working paper.



APPENDIX

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PART 8 OF THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

Part 8

PROVISIONS CONCERNING  
PASSENGERS AND CREW

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Chapter 1

PROVISIONS FOR DANGEROUS GOODS  
CARRIED BY PASSENGERS AND CREW

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1.1 DANGEROUS GOODS CARRIED BY PASSENGERS AND CREW

1.1.1 Passengers and crew are forbidden to carry dangerous goods either as or in carry-on baggage, checked baggage or on their person unless the dangerous goods are:

- a) permitted in accordance with Table 8-1; and
- b) for personal use only.

Note 1.— Dangerous goods for “personal use” may include items for the subsequent use of others such as gifts, portable electronic devices provided by employers to employees for use in work-related activities, or medical devices carried by medical professionals or suppliers for patient care. Items containing dangerous goods carried for sales or routine distribution are not considered to be for “personal use”.

Note 42.— The following dangerous goods may be commonly carried by passengers on other modes of transport, however, they are prohibited either as or in carry-on baggage, checked baggage or on the person:

- a) personal medical oxygen devices that utilize liquid oxygen;
- b) electroshock weapons (such as tasers) containing dangerous goods such as explosives, compressed gases, lithium batteries, etc.;
- c) “strike anywhere” matches;
- d) lighter fuel and lighter refills;
- e) premixing burner lighter (see the Glossary of Terms in Attachment 2) without a means of protection against unintentional activation; and
- f) battery-powered lighters powered by a lithium ion or lithium metal battery (such as laser plasma lighters, tesla coil lighters, flux lighters, arc lighters and double arc lighters) without a safety cap or means of protection against unintentional activation.

Note 23.— Exceptions found in these Instructions are not reproduced in Table 8-1. The following dangerous goods are not subject to these Instructions:

- a) Radio-pharmaceuticals contained within the body of a person as the result of medical treatment; and
- b) Energy efficient lamps when in retail packaging and intended for personal or home use (see 1;2.6).

Note 34.— States may implement additional restrictions in the interest of aviation security.

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