



**WORKING PAPER**

**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)  
WORKING GROUP MEETING (DGP-WG/25)**

**Delhi, India, 21 to 25 April 2025**

- Agenda Item 2: Managing air-specific safety risks and identifying anomalies (REC-A-DGS-2027)**  
**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 2027-2028 Edition**

**HARMONIZATION OF TERMINOLOGY: FUTURE PROPOSALS**

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**SUMMARY**

This working paper identifies instances where varying terms are used to describe the same topic. It invites the working group to consider harmonizing the terminology to ensure clarity and eliminate potential ambiguities. It also invites the working group to consider whether there are other instances of inconsistent use of terminology that need to be harmonized.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Over time, various terms have been used interchangeably within the regulatory texts, sometimes leading to potential inconsistencies or lack of clarity. This paper highlights four specific topics where the terminology may require further discussion and harmonization:

**1.2 Use of “stowage” vs. “storage”**

1.2.1 The terms “stowage” and “storage” have been found in similar contexts, and their intended distinction is unclear. This paper seeks the DGP’s views on whether these terms should be standardized and in which situations each term should be used.

**1.3 Use of “carry/carriage” vs. “transport”**

1.3.1 Traditionally, the term “carry/carriage” has been associated with passengers and crew, while “transport” has been used in the context of cargo and mail. However, instances have been found

where these terms are used interchangeably. The paper invites discussion on whether these distinctions should be reinforced or if further clarification is necessary.

#### 1.4 **Harmonization of references to regulatory authorities**

1.4.1 A previous discussion on the multiple terms referring to appropriate national authority, competent authority, and other terms was initiated during the DGP Working Group Meeting in Rio de Janeiro (DGP-WG/23-WP/22). Now that significant progress has been made on Annex 18, it is suggested the DGP consider resuming this discussion to further standardize these references.

#### 1.5 **Other harmonization topics**

1.5.1 Recognizing the importance of consistency in regulatory language, this paper invites DGP members to identify additional terminology issues that may require harmonization. Members are encouraged to submit suggestions via email so that any necessary work can be planned for the current and next biennium.

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

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to:

- a) discuss the appropriate use of “stowage” vs. “storage” and provide input on whether further harmonization is required;
- b) review the use of “carry/carriage” vs. “transport” and provide guidance on maintaining consistency;
- c) consider resuming discussions on the standardization of references to regulatory authorities in light of progress on Annex 18; and
- d) encourage members to submit additional terminology concerns via email for potential future harmonization efforts.

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