



**WORKING PAPER**

**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)  
MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE**

**Montréal, 15 to 19 April 2013**

- Agenda Item 6: Resolution, where possible, of the non-recurrent work items identified by the Air Navigation Commission or the Dangerous Goods Panel**
- 6.3: Development of guidance material on countering the potential use of dangerous goods in an act of unlawful interference**

**JOINT TASK FORCE OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL AND THE AVSEC PANEL**

(Presented by the Joint Task Force (JTF) of the AVSECP and the DGP)

**SUMMARY**

This paper proposes the terms of reference and areas of collaboration of the Joint Task Force (JTF) of the AVSECP and the DGP formed at the request of the Secretary-General of ICAO. Given that there are areas of mutual interest between the DGP and the AVSECP, stronger cooperation and coordination between the DGP and the AVSECP is encouraged. The JTF is requested to 'develop guidance material on countering the potential use of dangerous goods, particularly those of high consequence, in an act of unlawful interference, and to ensure that existing guidance material is appropriately harmonized'.

Proposed action by the XX Panel is in paragraph 2. This same proposed action will also be presented to the XX Panel (15 -19 April 2013) for agreement.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The AVSECP and DGP have the respective responsibilities of developing Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), as well as Guidance Material (GM), and to assist the ICAO Council in addressing issues relating to aviation security and dangerous goods, respectively, in their professional expert capacities. The work of both the AVSECP and DGP is critical as they contribute to, and help the ICAO Council to consider issues of importance that enhance the security and safety of global civil aviation operations.

1.2 Given that there appears to be an increasing co-relation between challenges and issues concerning both security and dangerous goods, the ICAO Council, through the Secretary-General,

expressed its support for stronger co-operation and co-ordination between the DGP and the AVSECP. The Secretary-General also requested that the two panels 'establish a small joint task force to develop guidance material on countering the potential use of dangerous goods, particularly those of high consequence, in an act of unlawful interference, and to ensure that existing guidance material is appropriately harmonized'.

1.3 Both the DGP and the AVSECP welcomed the opportunity to:

- (a) facilitate greater understanding of the differences and interfaces between security and dangerous goods requirements;
- (b) establish an ongoing working relationship between the Panels and identify common areas for collaboration; and
- (c) foster closer working relationships between national safety and security agencies and between regulators, industry and other stakeholders

in order to further enhance the safety and security of civil aviation operations.

1.4 An initial meeting of the Joint Task Force (JTF) took place on 25 to 26 March 2013 in Singapore, to discuss the joint collaboration and coordination work. The JTF discussed the proposed terms of reference of the JTF and initial action items, which are tabled below for consideration by the AVSEC Panel and the DG Panel.

1.5 The following Terms of Reference (TORs) for the JTF are proposed :

- (a) Identify the commonalities and differences in the risks posed to civil aviation from both the AVSEC and the DG perspectives;
- (b) Assess the potential threats and risks posed by DG when used in an act of unlawful interference, particularly those of 'high consequence' ;
- (c) Compare Annexes 17 & 18 and associated guidance materials to identify and address any ambiguities, inconsistencies, unnecessary duplication and gaps;
- (d) Identify and propose areas for improvement including the further development of guidance materials relating to AVSEC or DG, in particular countering the use of 'high consequence' dangerous goods in an act of unlawful interference;
- (e) Identify other areas of collaboration regarding dangerous goods that would meet the objectives of enhancing aviation safety and security

1.6 The following initial action items for the JTF are proposed :

- (a) To clarify key terms used in both Annexes 17 & 18 (eg. 'high consequence' vs 'high risk');
- (b) To consider and identify possible areas of collaboration such as promoting awareness, training, incident reporting and data sharing;

- (c) To consider holding joint conference(s) / seminar(s) on aviation security and dangerous goods awareness for regulators and industry; and
- (d) To develop an action plan to list out and prioritise the work areas ahead, with possible timelines for intersessional reporting to the DGP and AVSECP for respective guidance, and to the ICAO Council, as necessary.

## 2. **PROPOSED ACTION BY THE XX PANEL**

2.1 The XX Panel is invited to:

- (a) Agree to the proposed TORs in paragraph 1.5 above
- (b) Agree to the proposed action items in paragraph 1.6 above

2.2 Following the agreements of the AVSEC and the DG Panels, the JTF will proceed to commence its work inter-sessionally. The JTF can consider a future physical meeting as needed to be decided at a later date.

2.3 The JTF will also report on its progress to the AVSEC Panel and the DG Panel and to the ICAO Council, as necessary.

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