DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)

MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE

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Agenda Item 2: Development of recommendations for amendments to the *Technical Instructions* for incorporation in the 2007/2008 edition
2.7: Part 7 — Operator's Responsibilities

PROVISION OF DANGEROUS GOODS INFORMATION TO PASSENGERS

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Part 7; 5.1.1 of the Technical Instructions was amended so that airport operators, as with air operators, must ensure warning notices are displayed at airports so as to warn passengers about dangerous goods which they are forbidden from transporting aboard an aircraft. However, the amended text has inadvertently subjected airport operators to the requirement of 7;5.1.2 a) which relates to the provision of information with tickets which, it is suggested, is solely the responsibility of the operator.

Whilst preparing this paper, three other issues were noted:

a) 7; 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 appear to say the same thing and it is suggested they could be amalgamated;

b) Reference to "handling agent" in 5.1.2 is queried, since this term is not used anywhere else in Part 7 where "operator" is stated; the ability of a handling agent to act on behalf of an operator is addressed in the "introductory Notes" on page 7-(i). This would also appear to subject handling agents to the provisions of 5.1.2 b);

c) it is suggested that 5.1.2 a) is intended to address the provision of information prior to check-in but using the text "prior to or during the check-in process" appears to allow a notice to be displayed at check-in instead of advance information with the ticket (or in some other manner).

2. **PROPOSAL**

2.1 Delete the existing 7;5.1 and replace with the following:

5.1 INFORMATION TO PASSENGERS

5.1.1 An operator must ensure that information is provided to passengers prior to the check-in process such that the passenger is warned as to the types of dangerous goods which they are forbidden from transporting aboard an aircraft.

5.1.2 An operator and airport operator must ensure that notices warning passengers as to the types of dangerous goods which they are forbidden from transporting aboard an aircraft are prominently displayed in sufficient number at each of the places at an airport where tickets are issued, passengers checked in and aircraft boarding areas maintained, and at any other location where passengers are checked in.

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