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Agenda Item 1: Development of proposals, if necessary, for amendments to Annex 18 — *The Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air*

NOTIFICATION OF OPERATOR VARIATIONS BY STATES

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Paragraph 2.5.2 of Annex 18 recommends that:

> The State of the Operator should take the necessary measures to ensure that when an operator adopts more restrictive requirements than those specified in the Technical Instructions, the notification of such operator variations is made to ICAO for publication in the Technical Instructions.

1.2 Although only a recommended practice (as opposed to a standard), notification to ICAO of non-compliance with this provision is invited under "Action by Contracting States" on page (v). However, it is suggested the majority of operators adopt more restrictive requirements than the Technical Instructions by virtue of their using the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations and the Secretariat is requested to clarify what is expected of States in respect of 2.5.2.

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