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
2.1: Part 1 — General

DANGEROUS GOODS PLACED ON BOARD TO PROVIDE, DURING FLIGHT, MEDICAL AID TO A PATIENT

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Paragraph 1; 1.1.3 stipulates the conditions under which dangerous goods used to provide medical aid to a patient during flight are not subject to the Technical Instructions. It states:

> 1.1.3 Except for 7; 4.2, these Instructions do not apply to dangerous goods carried on an aircraft where the dangerous goods are:
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> a) placed on board with the approval of the operator to provide, during flight, medical aid to a patient;
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> Note. — For dangerous goods that passengers are permitted to carry as medical aid, see 8;1.1.2.
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1.2 This text has resulted in different interpretations by different States. One State believes this exemption applies to flights

- with a patient requiring medical aid during flight, and
- immediately before or after a patient requiring the dangerous goods for medical aid during flight is on board the aircraft. For example, a European air operator transporting dangerous goods to be used for medical aid by a passenger they will be picking up in South America for a return flight to Europe.

Other States, including Canada, believe this exemption only applies when the patient requiring the dangerous goods for medical aid during flight is on board the aircraft.

1.3 A standard interpretation is required to prevent transport of dangerous goods in non-compliance with the Technical Instructions.

2. PROPOSALS

2.1 Clarification of the intent of the ICAO DGP is sought as to whether 1; 1.1.3 a) of the Technical Instructions applies

1. Only to a flight where a patient is on the flight and the dangerous goods are required during transport;

or

2. To a flight where a person requires medical aid during the flight, and the flight immediately before or after such person requiring the dangerous goods for medical aid during flight is on board the aircraft.

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