DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)

MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE

Montreal, 18 to 22 April 2005

REPORT ON AN AD-HOC WORKING GROUP ON PART 8 PASSENGER PROVISIONS

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1. INTRODUCTION

During DGP-WG/05 an Ad-hoc working group convened to review the passenger exception survey (DGP-WG/05-IP/5) and to discuss what further action could be taken with respect to some of the questions raised during DGP 19:

- What criteria can be used to determine if an item of dangerous goods is suitable for inclusion in Part 8?
- Is there a more user-friendly way of presenting the provisions of Part 8?

2. DISCUSSION

Passenger Exception Survey

The headings of the survey were reviewed and it was agreed further study of the results was required.

One participant indicated there appeared to be some inconsistency in State interpretations issued on the current Part 8 provisions and suggested the Ad-hoc working group might take this on as a future work item. There was general agreement to this proposal.

Criteria for inclusion in Part 8

There was a discussion of what criteria were currently used by members of the ICAO DGP when deciding to submit to the Panel dangerous goods substances or articles for inclusion in Part 8. From this discussion came a list of questions that could be used to facilitate the decision making process:

- Has the minimum quantity of dangerous goods substance or article for the intended use been identified?
- Has the appropriate packaging and handling instructions to ensure safe transport been identified?
- Do International security provisions affect the transport of the substance or article?
- Is compliance measurable and practical by passenger screening agents?
- Does the air operator need to know?
- For the proposed location on board the aircraft (e.g., checked baggage or carry-on) are the appropriate emergency response capabilities present?
- Is the item essential for medical use?

User Friendly Part 8

A number of suggestions were made as to how the Part 8 provisions could be made more user friendly and one participant agreed to share information as to how their State approaches this issue with the other participants through the Secretary to the ICAO DGP.

3. DECISION

The Ad-hoc working group agreed to review the minutes to the meeting and determine the next course of action.

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