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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

TRAINING AND DEFINITION OF CARGO

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 A question was raised in the United Kingdom in respect of whether the training provisions of Part 1; 4.1.1 c) of the Technical Instructions (which requires, *inter alia*, training for persons engaged in the loading and unloading of cargo) extends to persons engaged solely in the loading of mail. The answer would appear to depend on whether "cargo", when referred to in the Technical Instructions includes mail.

1.2 The Technical Instructions does not contain a definition for "cargo" however such a definition exists in Annex 17, which states:

> "Cargo. Any property carried on an aircraft other than mail, stores and accompanied baggage."

If this definition were to be adopted in the Technical Instructions, persons engaged in loading mail would not require training. However, it is suggested training for such individuals should be required, so as to provide them with sufficient knowledge to know of the prohibitions on dangerous goods in air mail. Adoption of the Annex 17 definition would also mean that persons engaged in loading stores, which it is understood refers to COMAT and consequently could include items such as chemical oxygen generators, would also be exempt from the training requirement.

Proposal 1

Add a definition to Part 1 Chapter 3 as follows:

"Cargo. Any goods or property carried on an aircraft other than accompanied baggage.

(Note.— this definition is for the purposes of these Instructions only)"

Proposal 2

Amend the definition for cargo aircraft as follows:

"Cargo aircraft. Any aircraft, other than a passenger aircraft, which is carrying goods or property other than accompanied baggage."

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