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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

PART 7, CHAPTER 6 – PROVISIONS TO AID RECOGNITION OF UNDECLARED DANGEROUS GOODS

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Part 7; 6.1 of the Technical Instructions refers to the provision of information to passenger check-in staff so as to assist those staff in detecting forbidden dangerous goods in baggage. However, this text is only recommended i.e. "staff *should* be given information….".

1.2 Incidents involving dangerous goods in baggage continue to occur and it is imperative that as many safeguards are put in place to address this issue. The text of 7; 6.1 has been interpreted by certain handling agents in the United Kingdom as information which is provided to staff on training courses. In other cases, information has been provided but in the form of a manual kept in a remote office which check-in staff are expected to refer to if they have a problem. It is suggested that information on dangerous goods should be immediately available to all check-in staff (particularly bearing in mind the time pressures check-in staff work under) as is already the case with some operators, whose staff are provided with information accessible via their computer terminals. It is proposed to amend Part 7; 6.1 to require check-in staff to be provided with appropriate information.

1.3 Part 7; 6.1 also contains a list of general descriptions to assist in the detection of forbidden dangerous goods in baggage and cargo. In the United Kingdom, a number of instances of undeclared dangerous goods have been discovered consigned under the heading of "ships spares" and it is suggested it would be beneficial to include this description in 7; 6.1.

2. PROPOSAL 1

2.1 Amend the first paragraph of Part 7; 6.1 as follows:

"…..which they are not permitted to have in their baggage (see 8;1.1.2), ~~cargo acceptance staff and passenger check-in staff should be given~~ information about:

a) general descriptions that are often used for items in cargo or in passengers' baggage which may contain dangerous goods;

b) other indications that dangerous goods may be present (e.g. labels, markings); and

c) information on those dangerous goods which may be carried by passengers in accordance with 8;1.1.2,

shall be provided to cargo acceptance staff and passenger check-in staff as appropriate and shall be readily available to such staff at their place of work. The following is a list of ~~such~~ general descriptions……"

3. PROPOSAL 2

3.1 Add the following entry to the list of general descriptions in Part 7; 6.1:

ships' spares – may contain explosives (flares), cylinders of compressed gas (life rafts), paint, lithium batteries (emergency locator transmitters) etc.

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