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 2005/2006 edition

MINIMUM SIZE OF PACKAGE MARKINGS

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Part 5;2.2.2 b) requires that all marking applied to packagings containing dangerous goods "must be readily visible and legible;"

1.2 The markings required are those specified in 5;2 and include the name and address of the shipper and consignee, the UN number and Proper Shipping Name of the dangerous goods and where UN Specification packagings are used, those applicable to the type of packaging.

1.3 The operator must check all of these elements, and others, to confirm that the packaging and its contents comply with the relevant provisions of the Technical Instructions.

1.4 The UN Specification markings on each package must be of a minimum size as set out in 6;2.1.1. This requirement for a minimum size guarantees that the markings can be easily read and interpreted by the dangerous goods acceptance personnel.

1.5 The same minimum size requirements are not specified for the other markings that must be applied to the package. The absence of a minimum size means that there is a subjective determination of what is "legible". What may be quite legible in a well lit office, may not be legible in a cargo shed however.

2. **PROPOSAL**

2.1 Add a new 2.2.3 to 5;2.2 as follows:

"2.2.3 The markings required by 2.4.1 to 2.4.10 must be at least 12 mm high, except for packages of 30 L or 30 kg capacity or less when they must have a minimum height of 6 mm and for packages of 5 L or 5 kg or less when they must be of an appropriate size."

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