DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)

MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE

Dubai, 31 March to 4 April 2003

Agenda Item 2 : Development of recommendations for amendments to the Technical Instructions for incorporation in the 2005/2006 edition

RECEPTACLES SMALL, CONTAINING GAS & GAS CARTRIDGES

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Changes to the 2003-2004 Technical Instructions permit 'Receptacles, small, containing gas' in limited quantity packaging (Y203).

1.2 Part 3;4.1 sets out the applicability with regard to the use of the limited quantity provisions of the Technical Instructions. With 3;4.1.2 identifying that Division 2.1 gases may be packed in limited quantity packaging only where they meet the criteria of an aerosol.

1.3 An 'aerosol' is defined in 1;3.1 - Definitions. Part of the definition of aerosol states "..fitted with a release device..". However, in the entry in Table 3-1 'Receptacles, small, containing gas' has text in light type that states ' without a release device'. Therefore 'Receptacles, small, containing gas' are not aerosols and do not meet the provisions applicable to limited quantities.

2. PROPOSAL

2.1 There is no proposal at this time. Rather, the Panel is asked to confirm that 'Receptacles, small, containing gas' are to be permitted in limited quantity packagings.

2.2 If this is the case, a formal proposal will be presented at the next Panel meeting.

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