DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL

Dubai, 31 March to 4 April 2003

Agenda Item 3: Resolution, where possible, of the non-recurrent work items identified by the (ANC) or the panel
3.1 Packing Instructions
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PACKING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 During the working group meeting that was held in Frankfurt, Panel members provided comments on draft packing instructions developed by the United States and United Kingdom. The majority of members offered their support for the work and provided constructive comments to enhance the user friendliness of the packing instructions while ensuring an adequate level of safety. On the basis of the discussion during the Frankfurt working group and comments received to date, the United States and United Kingdom have developed revised draft packing instructions for consideration by the working group. These packing instructions apply for dangerous goods in classes 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9. The working group is requested to consider the packing instructions and to provide comments so that a final proposal can be developed and considered for adoption in the 2005-2006 ICAO TI at the nineteenth meeting of the Dangerous Goods Panel.

1.2 This document consists of:

Annex 1 Draft revised packing instructions
Annex 2 An example of a revised Dangerous Goods List
Annex 3 Illustrates the numbering systems for Classes 4 and 5

1.3 The working group has continued to follow the guidelines established by the Panel at DGP 18 which include:

a) simplifying the packing instructions such as by reducing the number without reducing the level of safety. The packing instructions should consist of a small number of general

instructions covering the majority of dangerous goods and a limited number of more specific instructions for specific dangerous goods or specialized articles and substances;

b) aligning the packing instructions to the greatest extent practicable with the UN packing instructions in content and layout;

c) enhancing user friendliness. The packing instructions should be clear and provide as wide a choice of packagings as possible;

d) assigning the packing instructions to specific substances on the basis of a rationalized approach; and

e) The quantities per packaging (inner and outer) should not substantially vary from the current quantities.

1.4 As indicated in Frankfurt a few small changes were made to inner quantity limits on the basis of a rationalized approach, but overall package limits shown in the dangerous goods list have not been changed and none are proposed.

1.5 The PPRs that address compatibility have been maintained pending further discussion in the notes below each packing instruction.

1.6 Paragraph 10.1.6 of the Frankfurt report listed by packing instructions comments from the Panel. The majority were editorial and have been taken into account in the revisions. The only major outstanding issue appears to be the issue of compatibility.

1.7 So far, no renumbering of the packing instructions has taken place but a comparison in Annex 3 illustrates the numbering systems for Class 5.

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