

ICAO Action

The issue of classification and appropriate hazard communication for lithium batteries has been the subject of much discussion by the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP). The Final Report, including the recommendations, of this accident was provided to the DGP during its meeting from 28 October to 8 November 2013. The DGP spent substantial time discussing lithium batteries and amendments to the *Technical Instructions for Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284) which would ban lithium batteries from being transported on passenger and cargo aircraft. The DGP was unable to reach a decision on the proposals but agreed that urgent attention be devoted to this matter. A one week working group of the whole meeting (WG/WHL), devoted to the subject of lithium batteries, is thus scheduled for early February 2014. The Final Report of this Boeing 747 accident will be discussed at that meeting. (Ref. SR 51/2013)