



**WORKING PAPER**

**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)**

**TWENTY-FIRST MEETING**

**Montréal, 5 to 16 November 2007**

**Agenda Item 2: Development of recommendations for amendments to the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284) for incorporation in the 2009-2010 Edition**

**TRAINING RECURRENCE**

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**SUMMARY**

This paper proposes that flexibility be incorporated into the 24-month recurrency requirement for dangerous goods training.

Action by the DGP is in paragraph 2.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Part 1, Chapter 4 contains the requirements for dangerous goods training programmes, including a requirement in 1;4.2.3 for 24-month recurrency training.

1.2 The text of 1;4.2.3 states that “Recurrent training must take place within 24 months of previous training ...”. This statement means that, for example a person who undertook initial training on 1 July 2005 must undertake recurrent training no later than 30 June 2007. If however, that person then undertook the recurrent training on 24 May 2007, then the date for completion of the next recurrent training becomes no later than 23 May 2009.

1.3 What results for employers and employees is that training dates “creep” forward and results in employers having to provide additional training because of not being able to use the entire 24-month period. This is particularly the case for operator employees who work shift work and for whom available training dates may have to coincide with rostered days of work.

1.4 In addition there are some groups of employees, mainly flight and cabin crew where recurrent dangerous goods training is tied to other recurrent training requirements and where maintenance of a fixed training date becomes critical.

1.5 A solution to this training “creep” is to allow training that is completed within a defined window prior to the 24-month expiry date to be deemed to have been completed on the expiry date.

## 2. ACTION BY THE DGP

2.1 The DGP is invited to revise 1;4.2.3 as follows:

4.2.3 Recurrent training must take place ~~within 24 months of previous training~~ to ensure knowledge is current. The period of validity of recurrent training is 24 calendar months in addition to the remainder of the month in which the training was completed. If recurrent training is completed within the final 3 calendar months of validity of previous training, the period of validity extends from the date on which the recurrent training was completed until 24 calendar months from the expiry date of that previous training.

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