



WORKING PAPER

DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)

TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

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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

PROTECTING DANGEROUS GOODS PACKAGES FROM DAMAGE

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SUMMARY

This paper proposes to clarify the general loading requirements to specifically state that dangerous goods packages must be prevented from being damaged by other freight.

Action by the DGP is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Part 7;2.4.3 requires operators to “protect the packages of dangerous goods from being damaged.” It is mentioned in particular that dragging or mishandling of the packages can potentially damage packages.

1.2 During actual operations it has frequently been observed that packages with dangerous goods are secured according to regulations, whereas other freight is left unsecured. Movement of this unsecured freight could potentially damage the dangerous goods packages.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP

2.1 The DGP is invited to *amend* 7;2.4.3 as follows:

2.4.3 General loading requirements

When dangerous goods subject to the provisions herein are loaded in an aircraft, the operator must protect the packages of dangerous goods from being damaged. Particular attention must be paid to the handling of packages during their preparation for transport, the type of aircraft on which they are to be carried and the method required to load that aircraft, so that accidental damage is not caused through dragging or mishandling of the packages. Packages must also be loaded such that movement of non-dangerous goods will not damage the packages during transport.

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