



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

UN 3291

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SUMMARY

This paper proposes to clarify the applicable proper shipping names for UN 3291.

Action by the DGP is in paragraph 1.3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Part 2;6.3.5.2 states:

6.3.5.2 Medical or clinical wastes that are reasonably believed to have a low probability of containing infectious substances must be assigned to UN 3291.

*Note.— The proper shipping name for UN 3291 is **Clinical waste, unspecified, n.o.s.** or **(Bio) Medical waste, n.o.s.** or **Regulated medical waste, n.o.s.***

1.2 A review of Table 3-1, Dangerous Goods List and Chapter 1 of Attachment 1, List of UN Numbers With Associated Proper Shipping Names, indicates four proper shipping names for UN 3291. These being:

Biomedical waste, n.o.s.
Clinical waste, unspecified, n.o.s.
Medical waste, n.o.s.
Regulated medical waste, n.o.s.

1.3 As the terms in Part 2;6.3.5.2 are in bold, cargo acceptance staff for which English is not their native language may experience confusion as which terms are acceptable.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP

2.1 The DGP is invited to discuss if the proper shipping names **Biomedical waste, n.o.s.** and **Medical waste, n.o.s** are acceptable or should only **(Bio) Medical waste, n.o.s.** be use without any variation.

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