



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

LAYOUT OF THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

(Presented by the Secretary)

SUMMARY

This working paper reports on discussions with ICAO's English Editorial unit regarding the feasibility of amending the paragraph numbering system in the Technical Instructions.

Action by the DGP is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1.1 At DGP-WG/07, a proposal to amend the numbering system in the Technical Instructions to include the part number was discussed (DGP-WG/07-WP/75, paragraph 9.1 refers). Some members believed that this approach would be more user friendly and noted this was more closely aligned to the UN Recommendations. One member thought the ISO system used in the UN recommendations was overly cumbersome. It was pointed out it was not just a case of renumbering the Technical Instructions but rather a much wider exercise when all national regulations and training material containing references to specific paragraphs were taken into account. It was suggested a cost benefit analysis should be carried out before a decision was made.

1.1.2 Discussions regarding the feasibility of the proposal were held with the English Editorial Unit. It was explained that the ICAO standard style was to have as short and simplistic a numbering system as possible, noting difficulties had been encountered when using the ISO system in other documents. It was further explained that although the proposed renumbering was feasible, due to the reorganization of the Secretariat which will likely result in reduced staff in the language sections, no change should be made at this time and for the issue to be re-examined in the next biennium.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP

2.1 The DGP is invited to *note* the information above.

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