



WORKING PAPER

DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)

TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

Montréal, 5 to 16 November 2007

Agenda Item 5: Resolution, where possible, of the non-recurrent work items identified by the Air Navigation Commission or the panel

5.5: Review of amendment process for the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284)*

REVIEW OF AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

(Presented by the Secretary)

SUMMARY

This working paper proposes that an analysis of the different types of amendments which exist for the Technical Instructions be made.

Action by the DGP is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ANC, at the sixth meeting of the 175th session (175-6), when reviewing the request from the DGP for proposed amendments to the Technical Instructions regarding lithium batteries and radioactive material, commented on the issue of an out-of-cycle amendment to the Instructions. The time-consuming nature of such amendments was noted and it was suggested consideration should be given to an alternative method of processing amendments. The Commission agreed that the process should be further examined. Accordingly, a non-recurrent work item on this subject was added to the agenda for DGP/21.

1.2 Recognizing that the amendment process for the Technical Instructions had been specifically developed by the ANC and Council to cater for the special status of the Instructions given it by paragraph 2.2.1 of Annex 18, it is suggested an analysis of the differing types of amendments is required before a recommendation can be made to the Commission. The analysis should include the following: critical safety issues requiring immediate attention; amendments required to facilitate the work of other panels, e.g AVSECP; and urgent amendments required when the Commission and/or Council are not in session.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP

2.1 The DGP is invited to add this task to the proposed work of the panel for the next biennium.

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