



WORKING PAPER

DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)

TWENTY-THIRD 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 2013-2014 Edition

DANGEROUS GOODS IN CONSOLIDATIONS

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SUMMARY

This paper provides for additional shipper's responsibilities in Part 5 of the Technical Instructions with regard to dangerous goods in consolidations of packages and the addition of a definition for consolidation of packages in Part 1;3.

Action by the DGP: The DGP is invited to agree to the amendments proposed in the appendix to this working paper.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Air cargo is often offered to the operator in consolidations of packages. A consolidation is a consignment of multi-packages which has been originated by more than one person each of whom has made an agreement for transport by air with another person other than a scheduled air carrier, e.g. with a freight forwarder. Dangerous goods may be consolidated with goods not subject to the Technical Instructions but are subject to the acceptance check described in 7;1.3.

1.2 At this moment, the Technical Instructions do not require dangerous goods in consolidations to be offered to the operator separately. This may lead to unnecessary handling of the dangerous goods in a consolidation by the operator or his handling agent, because the consolidated cargo must be broken down to separate the packages with dangerous goods for the acceptance check. Furthermore, the Technical Instructions do not contain a definition for consolidation.

APPENDIX

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

Part 1

GENERAL

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Chapter 3

GENERAL INFORMATION

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3.1 DEFINITIONS

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Consolidation. A consignment of multi-packages which has been originated by more than one person each of whom has made an agreement for transport by air with another person other than a scheduled operator.

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Part 5

SHIPPER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Chapter 1

GENERAL

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1.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Before a person offers any package or overpack of dangerous goods for transport by air that person must ensure that:

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- i) before a package or overpack is reused, all inappropriate dangerous goods labels and markings are removed or completely obliterated; ~~and~~
- j) each package contained within an overpack is properly packed, marked, labelled and is free of any indication that its integrity has been compromised and in all respects is properly prepared as required in these Instructions. The "overpack" marking described in 2.4.10 is an indication of compliance with this requirement. The intended function of each package must not be impaired by the overpack; ~~and~~

k) packages and overpacks containing dangerous goods in a consolidation must be offered to the operator separately from goods which are not subject to these Instructions.

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