



## **DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)**

### **TWENTY-THIRD MEETING**

**Montréal, 11 to 21 October 2011**

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

**5.1: Review of provisions for the transport of lithium batteries**

### **PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS**

(Presented by the Universal Postal Union)

#### **ADDENDUM**

##### **SUMMARY**

This working paper presents the proposal to amend the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284) to allow for small quantities of lithium batteries in the Post.

**Action by the DGP:** The DGP is invited to modify the Technical Instructions specifically Part 1; 2.3.2, to include the small quantities of lithium batteries in the Post.

## **1. PROPOSALS**

1.1 To amend the Technical Instructions, Part 1 General, Chapter 2 Limitation of Dangerous Goods on Aircraft, Paragraph 2.3 Transport of Dangerous Goods by Post, as follows:

## Part 1

### GENERAL

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#### Chapter 2

#### LIMITATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS ON AIRCRAFT

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#### 2.3 TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY POST

2.3.1 ~~In accordance with the Universal Postal Union (UPU) Convention,~~ Dangerous goods as defined in these Instructions, with the exception of those listed below, are not permitted in mail. Appropriate national authorities should ensure that the provisions are complied with in relation to the transport of dangerous goods by air.

2.3.2 The following dangerous goods may be acceptable in mail for air carriage subject to the provisions of the appropriate national authorities concerned and these Instructions which relate to such material:

- a) patient specimens as defined in 2;6.3.1.4 provided that they are classified, packed and marked as required by 2;6.3.2.3.6;
- b) infectious substances assigned to category B (UN 3373) only, when packed in accordance with the requirements of Packing Instruction 650, and solid carbon dioxide (dry ice) when used as a refrigerant for UN 3373; and
- c) radioactive material, the activity of which does not exceed one-tenth of that listed in Table 2-15.

d) lithium ion and lithium metal cells and batteries meeting the provisions of Section II of Packing Instructions 967 and 970. Not more than four cells or two batteries may be in any single package.

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