



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

CLARIFICATION OF ABSORBENT MATERIALS REQUIREMENTS IN PACKING INSTRUCTION Y963

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SUMMARY

This working paper proposes a revision to the requirements for absorbent materials in Packing Instructions Y963.

Action by the DGP: The DGP is invited to revise paragraph e) of Packing Instruction Y963 as presented in the appendix to this working paper.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Paragraph e) in Packing Instruction Y963 sets out the requirements for the packaging of inner packagings for ID 8000, Consumer commodities, including provisions for absorbent materials for glass or earthenware inner packagings.

1.2 However, in the provisions for absorbent material it is identified as being required for "... glass or earthenware inner packaging(s) containing consumer commodities in Class 2 or 3 or liquids of Division 6.1, ...".

1.3 It is suggested that the reference to Class 2 is inappropriate and should be removed as the only substances of Class 2 permitted as consumer commodities are aerosols of Division 2.1 or Division 2.2. Aerosols may only be constructed of metal or plastic.

APPENDIX

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

Part 4

PACKING INSTRUCTIONS

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<p style="text-align: center;">Packing Instruction Y963</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Passenger and cargo aircraft for ID 8000 only</p> <p>Consumer commodities are materials that are packaged and distributed in a form intended or suitable for retail sale for the purposes of personal care or household use. These include items administered or sold to patients by doctors or medical administrations. Except as otherwise provided below, dangerous goods packed in accordance with this packing instruction do not need to comply with 4;1 or Part 6 of these Instructions; they must, however, comply with all other applicable requirements.</p> <p>...</p> <p>e) Inner packagings must be tightly packed in strong outer packagings and must be so packed, secured or cushioned so as to prevent any breakage, puncture or leakage of contents into the outer packaging(s) during normal conditions of transport. Absorbent material must be provided for glass or earthenware inner packaging(s) containing consumer commodities in Class 2-3 or liquids of Division 6.1, in sufficient quantity to absorb the liquid contents of the largest of such inner packagings contained in the outer packaging. Absorbent and cushioning material must not react dangerously with the contents of the inner packagings. Notwithstanding the above, absorbent material may not be required if the inner packagings are so protected that breakage of the inner packagings and leakage of their contents from the outer packaging will not occur during normal conditions of transport.</p> <p>...</p>
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