



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

MAINTAINING A RECORD OF AIRCRAFT DECONAMINATION

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SUMMARY

This working paper proposes to require an operator to maintain a record of any decontamination actions taken as a result of leakage of dangerous goods on board an aircraft.

Action by the DGP: The DGP is invited to amend Part 7;3.1.3 of the Technical Instructions as shown in the appendix to this working paper.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Part 7;3.1.3 of the Technical Instructions requires any hazardous contamination resulting from a leakage of dangerous goods to be removed from an aircraft. However, there is no corresponding requirement for a record of the actions to be taken. It is understood from airworthiness colleagues that there is no such requirement in the relevant maintenance manuals because decontamination would not be regarded as “maintenance”. It is suggested a record of decontamination is important, particularly in respect of classes 7 and 8 for example and a small addition to 7;3.1.3 would rectify the situation.

APPENDIX A

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

Part 7

OPERATOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

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Chapter 3

INSPECTION AND DECONTAMINATION

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3.1 INSPECTION FOR DAMAGE OR LEAKAGE

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3.1.3 Packages or overpacks containing dangerous goods must be inspected for signs of damage or leakage upon unloading from the aircraft or unit load device. If evidence of damage or leakage is found, the position where the dangerous goods or unit load device was stowed on the aircraft must be inspected for damage or contamination and any hazardous contamination removed. Details of the actions taken to ensure removal of contamination must be recorded in the appropriate aircraft technical records. The special responsibilities of operators regarding infectious substances are detailed in 3.1.4.

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