



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

LITHIUM BATTERY PILOT NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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SUMMARY

This paper outlines IFALPA's support for the proposal in DGP23-WP/72, Lithium Battery Standards, and proposes an amendment to the information to pilot in command provisions of Part 7, Chapter 4.

Action by the DGP: Should the DGP agree to delete Section II from Packing Instructions 965 and 968, the panel is invited to consider the addition of the new provision presented in the appendix to this working paper to ease the burden on operators and to maintain the usefulness of the information to pilot in command.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In DGP23-WP/72, it is proposed to delete Section II of Packing Instructions 965 and 968. These packing instructions apply to UN Numbers 3480 (lithium ion and lithium polymer batteries) and 3090 (lithium metal and lithium alloy batteries), and would bring shipments of lithium batteries aboard aircraft into the full dangerous goods regulatory provisions of the Technical Instructions.

1.2 IFALPA believes the risk associated with the transport of lithium ion and lithium metal batteries justifies this action and fully supports the proposal in DGP23-WP/72.

1.3 It is recognized, however, that the elimination of Section II of Packing Instructions 965 and 968 may greatly increase the number of entries provided to the pilot in command under the provision of information requirements of Part 7, Chapter 4.

APPENDIX A

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

Part 7

OPERATOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

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Chapter 4

PROVISION OF INFORMATION

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4.1 INFORMATION TO THE PILOT-IN-COMMAND

4.1.3 For UN 3480 (Lithium ion batteries) and UN 3090 (lithium metal batteries), only the UN number, proper shipping name, class, total quantity at each loading location, and whether the package must be carried on a cargo only aircraft need be provided. UN 3480 (Lithium ion batteries) and UN 3090 (lithium metal batteries) carried under a State exemption must meet all of the requirements in 7:4.1.

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