



DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)

TWENTY-FOURTH 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 2015-2016 Edition

REQUIREMENT FOR TELEPHONE NUMBER ON LITHIUM BATTERY HANDLING LABEL

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SUMMARY

The working paper proposes to address an editorial oversight, which is currently absent, to formally include the requirement for a telephone number on the lithium battery handling label.

Action by the DGP: The DGP is invited to revise Part 5;3.5.2.2 as shown in the appendix to this working paper.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 It has been identified that while the example lithium battery handling label contained in the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284) at Figure 5-31 clearly indicates that the label requires a telephone number, there is nothing actually in the body of the Technical Instructions that makes it a requirement for the shipper to provide this telephone number on the label.

1.2 The lithium battery handling label was developed by the panel, and came into effect in the 2009-2010 Edition of the Technical Instructions. The elements contained in the label derived from the requirements set out in subparagraph (f) of Special Provision 188 in the UN Model Regulations. One of the requirements in subparagraph (f) is that a telephone number must be marked on the package.

1.3 It is therefore proposed to correct the oversight by revising the provisions of Part 5;3.5.2.2 to make it clear that the completion of the telephone number on the lithium battery handling label is a mandatory requirement.

APPENDIX

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PART 5 OF THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

Part 5

SHIPPER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

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Chapter 3

LABELLING

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3.5.2 Handling labels

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3.5.2.2 Lithium battery handling label

Packages containing lithium batteries that meet the requirements of Section II of Packing Instructions 965 to 970 must bear a "Lithium battery" handling label shown in Figure 5-31, as required by the applicable packing instruction. The label must be a minimum dimension of 120 mm x 110 mm except labels of 74 mm x 105 mm may be used on packages containing lithium batteries where the packages are of dimensions such that they can only bear smaller labels. The label must show "Lithium metal batteries" or "Lithium ion batteries", as applicable, and a telephone number for additional information. Where the package contains both types of batteries, the label must show "Lithium metal and lithium ion batteries". Packages containing lithium batteries that meet the requirements of Section IB of Packing Instructions 965 and 968 must bear both a "Lithium battery" handling label shown in Figure 5-31 and a Class 9 hazard label (Figure 5-23).

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