



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

DEFINITION OF “DANGEROUS GOODS TRAINING PROGRAMME”

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SUMMARY

This working paper proposes to introduce a definition for “Dangerous goods training programmes” in Part 1;3.1.1.

Action by the DGP: The DGP is invited to comment on whether there should be a definition for “Dangerous goods training programmes” in Part 1;3.1.1.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Annex 18, Chapter 10 requires that “Dangerous goods training programmes shall be established and updated as provided for in the Technical Instructions”.

1.2 The Technical Instructions refer to the “Establishment of Training Programs” at Part 1;4.1 and require that “Initial and recurrent dangerous goods training programmes be established and maintained...” by certain employer functions, listed at Part 1;4.1.1 items a) to h).

1.3 The Technical Instructions do not specify what constitutes a “Dangerous Goods Training Programme”.

1.4 One thought is that a “training programme” is just the training. The “test to verify understanding” (Technical Instructions Part 1;4.2.4) does not form part of the training programme. Similarly, the “record of training” (Technical Instructions Part 1;4.2.6) is not part of the training programme.

1.5 An alternative view is that a “training programme” should be considered as a whole process. That is, a training programme should include:

- a) the training required to be undertaken by each category of employee;
- b) the induction process for those employees;
- c) the test(s) to verify understanding;
- d) the management of employees who fail to demonstrate understanding in the test;
- e) the making and retention of training records;
- f) the process of using those records to determine and schedule recurrent training for employees; and
- g) the qualifications and competence of persons who are responsible for managing and maintaining the various training “courses” within the programme.

1.6 A third view is that because the Technical Instructions, Part 1;4.3.1 refers to “...instructors of initial and recurrent dangerous goods training programmes...”, that instructors and other persons who are responsible for the technical content and delivery of the dangerous goods training are not considered to be part of the “dangerous goods training programme”.

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