

DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)

NINETEENTH MEETING

Montreal, 27 October to 7 November 2003

**Agenda Item 2 Development of recommendations for amendments to the Technical
: Instructions for incorporation in the 2005/2006 edition**

NOTICES AT CHECK-IN

(Presented by G.A. Leach)

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 At DGP-WG/03-WP/35 proposed to require, as a minimum, one notice warning passengers about the prohibitions of dangerous goods in baggage per two adjacent check-in desks. This proposal was not agreed, however, a modified proposal to require every desk to display a warning notice was accepted. It is suggested that the decision taken at WG/03 is overly prescriptive and now prevents operators from using large notices between desks, as can be seen from the attached photographs of check-in desks at London's Gatwick Airport. It also prevents more innovative approaches such as very large conspicuous notices positioned at such locations that passengers cannot fail to see them, which is not necessarily true with notices positioned at check-in desks. It may also present the operator with some practical difficulties due to available space, given the other information at check-in desks required for other reasons e.g. security, health warnings (e.g. SARS, foot and mouth).

1.2 The original proposal of DGP-WG/03-WP/35 was not agreed on the basis that a minimum of one notice per 2 check-in desks may not be sufficient. By the same token, one notice per desk might be excessive. It is suggested the wording in the 2003-2004 edition of the Technical Instructions gives sufficient latitude for operators and regulators alike to arrive at a suitable number of notices based on individual circumstances.

2. **PROPOSAL**

2.1 It is proposed that the decision taken at WG 03 in respect of WP 35 is not adopted and the text of Part 7;5.1.2b) remains unchanged.

APPENDIX





— END —