

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**

OPENING OF PACKAGES BY CUSTOMS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Dangerous Goods Panel WG/03 discussed the problem of packages containing dangerous goods being opened by Customs or other authorities and then being resealed without expert guidance (see WP12, paragraph 18.3.1). A proposal to develop text similar to that contained in paragraph 581 of the IAEA Regulations (TS-R-1) was welcomed.

2. PROPOSAL

2.1 It is proposed to add in Part I, a new Paragraph 1.3 as follows and renumber current Paragraph 1.3 to 1.5 accordingly:

1.3 Opening dangerous goods packages by Customs and other Authorities:

Operations involving the inspection of a package shall be carried out only in a place where adequate means are provided and in the presence of qualified persons. Any package opened on the authority instructions shall, before being forwarded to the consignee, be restored to its original condition.

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