

## **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**

### **PACKAGE VS. PACKAGING**

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#### **1. BACKGROUND**

1.1 The ICAO Technical Instructions Part 4, Chapter 1.1.8 detail the requirements for allowing "Different Dangerous Goods" packed in one outer packaging. The last paragraph of the section, however, notes an exception to the previously outlined conditions:

1.1.8 An outer packaging must not contain inner packagings of Division 6.2 (Infectious Substances) and inner packagings of unrelated types of goods.

1.2 Packing Instruction 602 comments only on materials combined in outer packagings for the purpose of refrigeration or freezing.

#### **1.3 Issue I**

1.3.1 Use of the term "inner packagings" is misleading, as the following terms are defined in part 1, paragraph 3.1:

**Package.** The complete product of the packing operation consisting of the packaging and contents prepared for transport.

**Packaging.** Receptacles and any other components or materials necessary for the receptacle to perform its containment function.

1.4 The intent of Part 4, paragraph 1.1.8 is to require only appropriate materials to be included within an outer packaging of a package containing Division 6.2. Such appropriate materials may include the absorbent, refrigeration or freezing materials, inner packagings, and Dangerous Goods, such as a Diagnostic Specimen or a preservative.

1.5 **Issue II**

1.5.1 The words "unrelated types of goods" are ambiguous. While the author recognizes relates types of goods may include Diagnostic Specimens, materials for refrigeration or freezing, or other packaging materials, a different interpretation may allow Division 6.1 materials, or even Class 3 materials within the outer package.

2. **PROPOSAL I**

2.1 Amend Part 4, paragraph 1.1.8 last sentence to read:

Division 6.2 (infectious substances) must not be packed with unrelated types of goods in an outer packagings.

3. **PROPOSAL II**

3.1 It is proposed to extend the above sentence as indicated hereafter:

An outer packaging containing Division 6.2 (infectious substances) may contain diagnostic specimens, material for refrigeration or freezing or packaging material such as absorbent material.

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