

**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**

**HANDLING LABEL - EXCEPTED PACKAGES OF RADIOACTIVE  
MATERIAL**

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**1. BACKGROUND**

1.1 At DGP-WG/03, flimsy 9 and 16 proposed the adoption of a handling label for excepted packages of radioactive material. There was a general consensus from the WG that such a label (similar to the one adopted by IATA for excepted quantities of dangerous goods) could facilitate acceptance, the carriage and the reporting of incidents involving excepted packages of radioactive material. The working group asked the proponents of the proposal to consider the comments made at the meeting and come up with a revised proposal.

This flimsy reflects the comments made at DGP-WG/03.

**2. ISSUE**

C Before 2001 excepted packages of radioactive material had no external marking.

C As of 2001 the UN number, Name & address of consignee and shipper were added to the package markings.

C In 2003, the Proper shipping name of the Excepted packages of radioactive material was added as provided in Part 2; 7.9.1 a) to alignment with other modes.

Among the provisions applicable are those in Part 7;3.2.2 and 7;4.4, which address handling of damaged or leaking packages and reporting of dangerous goods accidents and incidents. The difficulty for an operator is

that there is no hazard or handling label that easily identifies that the package is an excepted package of radioactive material and a leaking package would easily go unnoticed. Furthermore, several operators have recently reported that shipment of excepted packages of radioactive material for medical use where unloaded by crew members because they were not reported on the notification to Captain.

### 3. PROPOSAL

3.1 Add a new d) to Part 5;3.2.11 as follows:

- d) for excepted packages of radioactive material the "Radioactive Material - Excepted Package" handling label (Figure 5-27) must be affixed. The shipper must complete the information required on the label. The label must be signed and dated by the shipper.

3.2 Amend Part 2;7.9.1 a) as follows:

- a) the applicable requirements specified in 2; Introductory Chapter, 4.2, 2;7.9.2, and, as applicable, 2;7.9.3 to 2;7.9.6, 4;9.1.2, 5;2.4.1.1, 5;2.4.2, 5;2.4.5 a), 5;3.2.11 (d), 5;4.5, 7;3.2.2 and 7;4.4;

3.3 Insert a new label as shown below to Part 5;3 as "Figure 5-27. Radioactive Material - Excepted Package label".

<b>RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL, EXCEPTED PACKAGE</b>	
This package contains radioactive material, excepted package and is in all respects in compliance with the applicable international and national government regulations.	
_____ Signature of Shipper	
_____ Title	_____ Date
_____ Name and address of Shipper	_____ Name & Address of Consignee
This package contains (delete non-applicable UN Number, Proper Shipping Name and description):	
UN2908	Radioactive material, excepted package, empty packaging
UN2909	Radioactive material, excepted package - articles manufactured from: natural uranium / depleted uranium / natural thorium
UN2910	Radioactive material, excepted package, limited quantity of material
UN2911	Radioactive material, excepted package – instruments / articles
<b>The information for this package need not appear on the Notification to Captain</b>	

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