



**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)  
MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE**

**Beijing, China, 25 October to 3 November 2006**

**Agenda Item 6: Discussion of miscellaneous dangerous goods issues**

**RESPONSE BY THE DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL TO  
EMERGENCY ISSUES**

(Presented by G. Leach)

DGP-WG06-WP 28 raises a wider issue in respect of the response of ICAO to issues requiring immediate action, if a globally harmonised approach to such issues is to be achieved. It may be remembered that following the Valujet accident in 1996, the actions taken by States with regard to chemical oxygen generators varied and a number of Panel members were of the opinion that an emergency meeting of the Panel should have been convened when the cause of the accident had become apparent. The latest issue concerning recalled batteries has resulted in a similar variety of responses by States and whilst it is not proposed that an emergency meeting was warranted on this occasion, it is suggested that it would be beneficial for the Panel to develop a procedure, possibly for inclusion in the Guidance Document, (and/or the ICAO website) for the production of an interim solution to what could loosely be described as an "emergency issue". Whilst such a procedure would not form part of the Technical Instructions, it would greatly assist in ensuring a common approach at least until the Technical Instructions could be formally amended. Whilst no proposal is made, the Working Group is invited to discuss this issue with a view to developing a proposal which could be considered at the WG07 meeting.

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