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

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Agenda Item 2: Development of recommendations for amendments to the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284) for incorporation in the 2009/2010 Edition

2.7: Part 7 — Operator's Responsibilities

ACCEPTANCE

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SUMMARY

This paper discusses whether the existing requirements of the Technical Instructions as they relate to acceptance are adequate.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Part 7;1.1.2 of the Technical Instructions requires an operator to conduct an acceptance check on packages containing dangerous goods. Part 7;1.3 additionally requires the use of a checklist to complete this exercise. Although use of a standard industry acceptance checklist has become the norm, no such form is prescribed in the Technical Instructions. In fact, the only checks required by the Technical Instructions are to ensure that:

- a) the package, overpack etc. is correctly marked and labelled;
- b) the documentation complies with the detailed requirements specified in Part 5, Chapter 4;
- c) the consignment is accompanied by two copies of the dangerous goods transport document; and
- d) the package is not leaking and is not damaged such that its integrity has been compromised.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to discuss whether the existing requirements of the Technical Instructions as they relate to acceptance are adequate. As a prompt to discussion, the working group is invited to consider whether the following aspects, which are not currently required elements of the acceptance check, should be addressed.

a) Dangerous goods transport document

Operator to ensure that:

- the quantity of dangerous goods declared by the shipper is within the limits per package on a passenger or cargo aircraft, as appropriate.

b) Package

Operator to ensure that:

- 1) the marking on the package, overpack etc. accords with the details stated on the dangerous goods transport document;
- 2) the outer packaging is of the type stated on the dangerous goods transport document and is permitted by the applicable packing instruction;
- 3) the package or overpack does not contain different dangerous goods which require segregation from each other according to Table 7-1;
- 4) the specification marking, if applicable, is suitable for the packing group of the dangerous goods contained within; and
- 5) the maximum permitted gross mass of the package (as stated in the UN specification marking) is appropriate for the actual weight of the package.

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