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

Beijing, China, 25 October to 3 November 2006

Agenda Item 5: Resolution, where possible, of the non-recurrent work items identified by the Air Navigation Commission or the panel
5.4: Intermodal harmonization

LIMITED QUANTITIES

(Presented by the Secretary)

SUMMARY

This paper presents an extract from the report of the UNSCOE which addresses the decision by the DGP to require packages containing limited quantities to be marked in accordance with paragraph 3.4.8 of the Model Regulations.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Following the discussion of intermodal aspects of transporting packages containing limited quantities at DGP/20, the UNSCOE was advised of the decision by the DGP to require such packages to be marked in accordance with paragraph 3.4.8 of the Model Regulations.

1.2 An extract from the report of the UNSCOE on its 29th session is presented below:

Comments on limited quantities

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50. The Sub-Committee noted with satisfaction the support of the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP) for the elaboration of excepted quantity provisions for all modes of transport.

51. The Sub-Committee further noted that, effective 1 January 2009, ICAO would require limited quantity packages to be marked with the UN number placed inside a diamond outline, as prescribed by paragraph 3.4.8 of the Model Regulations.

52. With regard to the suggestion in paragraph 2.4 that “packages prepared according to the Technical Instructions should be acceptable to other modes, provided the packages were made easily recognizable by marking them with the UN number placed inside a diamond outline”, it was pointed out that limited quantity packages marked and labelled in conformity with the ICAO Technical Instructions are accepted in ground transport within the legal framework of the RID, ADR and ADN, if transported before or after a journey by air.

53. The representative of GEA said that the decision by ICAO would not improve the current situation because the simultaneous application of a UN number inside a diamond outline, synonymous with limited quantities, and a hazard warning label could lead to confusion during ground transport controls.

54. The Chairman said that the issue would be taken up again in December in the light of further discussions at ICAO.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to consider paragraph 53 and the problem outlined in it and to decide what information should be brought to the next UNSCOE meeting in December 2006.

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