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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**

**2.4: Part 4 — Packing Instructions**

**PACKING INSTRUCTION 650**

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**SUMMARY**

Proposed amendment to the package marking requirement in Packing Instruction 650.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 It has been brought to light through various training programs that the marking requirements contained in Packing Instruction 650 are contradictory in terms of the application of the proper shipping name and UN number. This confusion could lead to the needless rejection of otherwise compliant, time sensitive shipments.

1.2 Paragraph 4 of Packing Instruction 650 requires that:

“For transport, the mark illustrated below [indicating “UN3373” displayed in a diamond shape] must be displayed on the external surface of the outer packaging on a background of contrasting colour ... The proper shipping name “Biological substance, Category B” in letters 6 mm high must be marked on the outer package adjacent to the diamond-shaped mark.”

1.3 Paragraph 11) states:

“Infectious Substances assigned to UN 3373 which are packed and marked in accordance with this packing instruction are not subject to any other requirement in these instructions except for the following:”

Subparagraph b) requires:

“the proper shipping name, UN number and the name and telephone number of a person responsible must be provided on a written document (such as an air waybill) or on the package;”

1.4 In summary, paragraph 4) requires the application of the proper shipping name and UN number on the exterior surface of the package, whereas, subparagraph 11) b) allows for application on either the external surface of the package or an accompanying document.

## 2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to amend subparagraph 11) b) of PI 650 in an effort to clarify the intended marking requirement as follows:

- b) ~~the proper shipping name, UN number and~~ the name and telephone number of a person responsible must be provided on a written document (such as an air waybill) or on the package;

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