



WORKING PAPER

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

Memphis, 30 April to 4 May 2007

Agenda Item 6: Discussion of miscellaneous dangerous goods issues

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES ARISING FROM DGP-WG06

(Presented by the Secretary)

SUMMARY

This working paper reports on miscellaneous issues arising from DGP-WG/06.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 4.

**1. DISSEMINATION OF STATE VARIATIONS
(DGP-WG/06-WP/56, PARAGRAPH 8.6 REFERS)**

1.1 A proposal to develop an electronic notice board for the dissemination of State variations is supported by the Secretariat. It is noted in Attachment A3, Chapter 1, paragraph 1.4 that Table A-1 "... is based on data provided by the States concerned" and "... is provided for information only ...". This would reflect Assembly Resolution A31-2: Increasing the Effectiveness of ICAO, which includes in its list of methods for increasing effectiveness: "... improve and speed up communications with Contracting States, particularly as they relate to Standards and Recommended Practices, including more widespread use of electronic transmission." It further reflects the Council decision (179/19) regarding the "Electronic Bulletin" which was added to the ICAO-NET to supply official communications to States comprising material for informational purposes.

**2. REPORTING OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING BATTERIES
NOT SUBJECT TO THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS
(DGP-WG/06-WP/56, PARAGRAPH 4.45 REFERS)**

2.1 Discussion with the Legal Bureau (LEB) and the Accident Investigation and Prevention Section (AIG) suggests that it would be acceptable to establish such a requirement on condition it is made clear that the aim is to collect sufficient information to eventually determine any necessary qualification of such goods as being "dangerous".

2.2 It is noted that in Annex 13 — *Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation*, reference is made to a mandatory and a voluntary incident reporting system (paragraphs 8.1 and 8.2); both of these are general and do not specify what should be reported. The provisions refer to the *Safety Management Manual (SMM)* (Doc 9859), in which it is stated (in paragraph 7.7.2) that any hazard that has the potential to cause damage or injury or that threatens the organization's viability should be reported.

3. **NON-RESTRICTED ARTICLES AND SUBSTANCES**

3.1 Discussion with the Facilitation Section on the desirability of adding a special provision as proposed in DGP-WG/06-WP/35 was supported. It was suggested an information paper could be presented to the fifth meeting of the Facilitation Panel (FALP); this is scheduled to be held from 4 to 8 February 2008.

4. **ACTION BY THE DGP-WG**

4.1 The DGP-WG is invited to note the above.
