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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 2011/2012 Edition

DEFINITION OF “APPROPRIATE NATIONAL AUTHORITY OF THE STATE IN WHICH THEY ARE APPROVED AND FILLED”

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SUMMARY

This paper seeks discussion and interpretation of Packing Instruction 200 in relation to cylinders other than UN marked and certified cylinders, in particular the situation of cylinders being filled in a State other than where they are approved.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Packing Instruction 200 contains the following sentence:

“Cylinders other than UN marked and certified cylinders may be used if the design, construction, testing, approval and markings conform to the requirements of the appropriate national authority in which they are approved and filled.”

1.2 Within the oil exploration and development industry there are cylinders which are lowered down the well, and under pressure, take on contents from underground.

1.3 Such cylinders are invariably constructed and approved in accordance with the relevant national authority of one State, examples being the United States and Norway; before being shipped to a second State, such as Australia or Papua New Guinea, for usage and filling.

1.4 A strict interpretation of Packing Instruction 200 would intimate that the approval by the first State is irrelevant for that consignment and that a separate approval is required from the second State; which may not have the resources or requirements for the design, construction, testing and approval of such cylinders.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to discuss the interpretation and application of the term “appropriate national authority in which they are approved and filled” in Packing Instruction 200 in the light of the scenario in paragraph 1.3.

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