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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 2013/2014 Edition

2.4: Part 4 — Packing Instructions

**AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONS FOR THE CLASSES/DIVISIONS OF
DANGEROUS GOODS NOT ASSIGNED TO PACKING GROUPS**

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SUMMARY

This paper proposes to clarify the provisions for the classes/divisions of dangerous goods that are not assigned to packing groups in Part 4 of the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284).

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Paragraph 2.4 of the Introductory Chapter to Part 2 of the Technical Instructions states:

For packing purposes, substances other than those of Classes 1, 2 and 7, Divisions 5.2 and 6.2 and other than self-reactive substances of Division 4.1 are assigned to three packing groups in accordance with the degree of danger they present.

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1.2 Paragraph 2.0.1.3 of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Model Regulations, 16th revised edition) states:

“For packing purposes, substances other than those of Classes 1, 2 and 7, divisions 5.2 and 6.2 and other than self-reactive substances of Division 4.1 are assigned to three packing groups in accordance with the degree of danger they present.”

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1.3 Note 1 of the Introductory Notes to Part 4 of the Technical Instructions states:

Note 1.— Packing groups

For packing purposes, dangerous goods of all classes, other than Classes 1, 2 and 7 and Divisions 5.2 and 6.2, have been divided among three packing groups according to the degree of danger they present. The packing groups have the following meanings:

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1.4 The above statement does not include self-reactive substances of Division 4.1 as the kind of dangerous goods that are not assigned to packing groups.

1.5 This paper proposes to add self-reactive substances of Division 4.1 to Note 1 (Packing groups) of the Introductory Notes to Part 4 so that the provisions for the classes/divisions of dangerous goods that are not assigned to packing groups are consistent with the relevant provisions of the UN Model Regulations and throughout the Technical Instructions.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to consider revising Note 1 of the Introductory Notes to Part 4 of the Technical Instructions as follows:

INTRODUCTORY NOTES

Note 1.— Packing groups

For packing purposes, dangerous goods of all classes, other than Classes 1, 2 and 7 and Divisions 5.2 and 6.2 and other than self-reactive substances of Division 4.1, have been divided among three packing groups according to the degree of danger they present. The packing groups have the following meanings:

Packing Group I — Substances presenting high danger
Packing Group II — Substances presenting medium danger
Packing Group III — Substances presenting low danger

Some substances in Class 9 and liquids in Division 5.1 have been assigned to packing groups by experience rather than through application of technical criteria. The packing group to which a substance is assigned is listed in Table 3-1. The criteria for the packing groups are given in Part 2, Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

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