



WORKING PAPER

**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

2.1: Part 1 — General

RECURRENT TRAINING

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SUMMARY

This working paper proposes an amendment to the provisions for recurrent dangerous goods training to allow the recurrent training to be completed within the month of expiry rather than by the date.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The 2009-2010 Edition of the Technical Instructions introduced changes to the provisions for recurrent training in Part 1;4.2.3 to permit recurrent dangerous goods training to be completed up to 3 months prior to the expiry date, and for the 24 months period of validity to be based on the original expiry date.

1.2 This revision offers a significant amount of flexibility, particularly to employers with employees working shift work, such as flight and cabin crew, without losing dangerous goods training validity.

1.3 However, there is no flexibility offered should an employee for any reason not be able to complete recurrent training by the expiry date of the 24-month period. In this instance it is taken that the employee must now complete an initial dangerous goods course, even though the day prior they were qualified.

1.4 It is therefore proposed that the requirement for dangerous goods recurrent training should apply to the month of expiry, rather than the date. This would be consistent with the use of “24 months” as the period within which recurrent training must be completed.

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

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to revise Part 1;4.2.3 as follows:

Part 1

GENERAL

Chapter 1

SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

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4.2.3 Recurrent training must be provided within 24 months of previous training to ensure knowledge is current. However, if recurrent training is completed within the final three months of validity of previous training, the period of validity extends from the ~~date~~ month on which the recurrent training was completed until 24 months from the expiry-~~date~~ month of that previous training.
