



**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**
- 2.3: Part 3 — Dangerous Goods List, Special Provisions and Limited and Excepted Quantities**

DANGEROUS GOODS IN AIR MAIL

(Presented by the European Aerosol Federation (FEA))

SUMMARY

This paper provides information related to the joint request from CEPE, COLIPA and FEA to UPU to allow shipments of certain dangerous goods (aerosols and paints) by post.

1. In accordance with the Universal Postal Union (UPU) Convention, shipments of dangerous goods by mail are prohibited except for certain infectious substances and radioactive materials.
2. Recent years have seen a continuous growth in the acceptance of eCommerce, not only B2C (online shopping) but also C2C (e.g. eBay). The side effect being increased illegal shipments of consumer dangerous goods (e.g. aerosol products, paints) by post.
3. CEPE, the European Council of the Paint, Printing ink and Artists' Colours Industry, COLIPA, the European Cosmetics Association, and FEA, the European Aerosol Federation, wrote to UPU in January 2011 to suggest allowing shipments of certain dangerous goods (aerosols and paints) by post under strict but workable conditions for both general public, postal services, shippers and companies to secure safe shipments for all actors.
4. CEPE/FEA intends to make technical proposals to UPU. At this stage, it is suggested to take the ICAO Technical Instructions as a reference and:
 - a) The provisions from the LQ and/or Consumer Commodity regimes should be used, but with lower quantities;

b) The LQ marking will be needed, but marking requirements could need to be adapted to fit a shipment by post (small packaging);

c) Not all aerosols and paints products should be allowed (e.g. no toxic products).

5. FEA invites the panel to provide input on these suggestions.

6. CEPE and FEA also intends to ask for input from the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods before proceeding with UPU.

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