



**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**

**2.4: Part 4 — Packing Instructions**

**SECTION II LITHIUM BATTERIES**

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**SUMMARY**

This working paper proposes to clarify that Part 1;2.3 (Transport of dangerous goods by post), 7;4.4 (Reporting of Dangerous goods accidents and incidents) and 8;1.1 (Provisions for dangerous goods carried by passengers or crew) apply to Section II lithium batteries.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 At DGP-WG/10, WP/31 highlighted an apparent anomaly in respect of lithium batteries, specifically that because of the wording of the Section II text in the various lithium battery packing instructions, any batteries which comply with Section II may be carried by passengers because such batteries “are not subject to other additional requirements of these Instructions” which would include the passenger/crew exceptions of Part 8. The discussion at WG/10 has prompted another working paper looking at the wider issue. However, it is suggested that the lithium battery issue could be looked at separately, because it would appear that other aspects are worthy of consideration in the various packing instructions.

1.2 Following discussion at WG/10 it is suggested the passenger/crew exceptions should take precedence over the overall exclusion currently contained in the Section II material. It is also suggested that the Section II text should not except batteries from the prohibition in air mail (Part 1;2.3), nor can it since the Universal Postal Union (UPU) convention specifically forbids dangerous goods in the mail other than those provided for in 1;2.3. Additionally, it is suggested that the incident and accident reporting requirements of Part 7;4.4 should also apply.

## 2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to add the following text to the beginning of the first paragraph of Section II in Packing Instructions 965, 966, 967, 968, 969 and 970:

With the exception of Part 1:2.3 (Transport of dangerous goods by post), 7:4.4 (Reporting of dangerous goods accidents and incidents) and 8:1.1 (Provisions for dangerous goods carried by passengers or crew), Lithium ion cells and batteries offered for transport are not subject to other additional requirements of these Instructions if they meet the requirements of this section.

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