



WORKING PAPER

**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)
MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE**

Montréal, 15 to 19 October 2012

Agenda Item 1: Development of proposals, if necessary, for amendments to Annex 18 — *The Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air*

RECOMMENDATION PERTAINING TO AIRMAIL IN ANNEX 18

(Presented by the Secretary)

SUMMARY

This working paper seeks guidance from DGP-WG/12 on whether the recommendation on dangerous goods by mail in Annex 18 needs to be amended.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 A recommendation pertaining to air mail is contained in Annex 18, Chapter 11, paragraph 11.4:

11.4 Dangerous goods by mail

Recommendation.— *Each Contracting State should establish procedures with a view to controlling the introduction of dangerous goods into air transport through its postal services.*

Note.— *International procedures for controlling the introduction of dangerous goods into air transport through the postal services have been established by the Universal Postal Union.*

1.2 It is noted that a new Part S-1, Chapter 3 — “Guidance to States on transport of dangerous goods by post”, developed for inclusion in the Supplement to the Technical Instructions at the DGP Working Group of the Whole on Lithium Batteries Meeting (DGP-WG/LB/1, 6 to 10 February 2012), makes reference to this recommendation.

1.3 On the basis that the procedures referred to in the recommendation must now be approved by the civil aviation authority in that State prior to the introduction of dangerous goods into air transport, it is queried if the recommendation needs to be changed. Depending on the outcome of the discussion a new paper may be prepared for the Spring working group.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to consider whether the recommendation in paragraph 11.4 of Annex 18 needs to be changed.

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