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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 2015-2016 Edition**

**2.4: Part 4 — Packing Instructions**

**PACKING INSTRUCTIONS 966, 967, 969 AND 970**

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**SUMMARY**

This paper proposes that an amendment to Packing Instructions 966, 967, 969 and 970 be considered in order to make it easier to operate in the actual work.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Packing Instructions 967 and 970 mention that “Each package containing more than four cells or more than two batteries installed in equipment must be labelled with a lithium battery handling label (Figure 5-31) (except button cell batteries installed in equipment (including circuit boards))”. This means button cell batteries contained in the equipment are not considered when deciding whether the package needs a lithium battery handling label or not.

1.2 It is not clear whether the packing instruction and required information (e.g. air waybill, declaration) for button cell batteries are also not needed to be considered when button cell batteries contained in equipment are transported with other types of lithium batteries. Can a package only meeting the requirements of the packing instruction for another type of lithium battery be provided for transportation? Or does the information about button cell batteries need to appear on the documents which will be provided for transport?

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

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to consider whether button cell batteries contained in equipment need to be considered on the lithium battery handling label when packed with other types of lithium batteries and to clarify this by amending Packing Instructions 966, 967, 969 and 970 accordingly.

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