



**WORKING PAPER**

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

**Montréal, 15 to 19 October 2012**

**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**

**2.1: Part 1 — General**

**TRAINING FOR COMAT SHIPPERS**

(Presented by B. Carrara)

**SUMMARY**

This paper proposes that company materials (COMAT) shippers should be included in Key 1 training of Table 1-4.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Part 1; Table 1-4 of the Technical Instructions provides the content of dangerous goods courses. Table 1-5 brings the content for operators not carrying dangerous goods as cargo.

1.2 Although not carrying dangerous goods as paid cargo, many operators may be interested in carrying their COMAT on their own aircraft. Besides that, the Technical Instructions require in general that articles and substances intended as replacements for items referred to in Part 1;2.2.1, or that have been removed for replacement, must be transported in accordance with the provisions of the Instructions, unless otherwise authorized by the State of the Operator.

1.3 Authorized by their State or not, once an operator acts as a shipper of dangerous goods they should receive appropriate training to assume their responsibilities. Some airlines believe their COMAT shippers do not require training to ship their own material even if it is dangerous goods.

1.4 Since the provisions for dangerous goods training for COMAT shippers are not clear enough, an amendment to Part 1;4.2 of the Technical Instructions is proposed which would add a specific reference to COMAT shippers.

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

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to include reference to COMAT shippers in Key 1 of Table 1-4 and to add a new Note 3 below Table 1-5 as shown in the appendix to this working paper.

-----

**APPENDIX**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS**

**Part 1**

**GENERAL**

...

**Chapter 4**

**TRAINING**

*Parts of this Chapter are affected by State Variations AE 2, BR 7, CA 18, HK 1;  
see Table A-1*

...

**4.2 TRAINING CURRICULA**

...

**Table 1-4. Content of training courses**

...

**KEY**

1 — Shippers and persons undertaking the responsibilities of shippers, including operator's staff preparing dangerous goods for shipment as company material (COMAT)

...

**Table 1-5. Content of training courses for operators not carrying dangerous goods as cargo or mail**

...

Note 3. — Although not carrying dangerous goods as cargo, if the operator has an approval issued by the State of Operator allowing them to carry their own COMAT classified as dangerous goods, it's staff must have successfully completed a dangerous goods training programme in Category 1 of Table 1-4.

...

— END —