



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 2015-2016 Edition

2.4: Part 4 — Packing Instructions

PERIOD OF USE FOR PLASTIC DRUMS, JERRICANS AND IBCS

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SUMMARY

In order to clarify the requirements of 4;1.1.20 a proposal is made to add an additional exception for packagings containing UN 3291.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Paragraph 4; 1.1.20 specifies that for plastic drums and jerricans, rigid plastic IBCs and composite IBCs with plastic inner receptacles, the period of use permitted for the transport of dangerous goods must be not more than 5 years from the date of manufacture of the receptacles, except where a shorter period of use is prescribed because of the nature of the substance to be transported.

1.2 Packing Instruction 622 applicable to UN 3291 (**Medical waste, n.o.s; Biomedical waste, n.o.s; Clinical waste, unspecified, n.o.s; Regulated medical waste, n.o.s**) specifies that paragraph 4;1.1.20 is not applicable. The fact that this exception is not included in paragraph 4;1.1.20 caused recently some discussions.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to consider the amendment to paragraph 4;1.1.20, as presented in the appendix to this working paper.

APPENDIX

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

**PART 4
PACKING INSTRUCTIONS**

**CHAPTER 1
GENERAL PACKING REQUIREMENTS**

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1.1.20 For plastic drums and jerricans, rigid plastic IBCs and composite IBCs with plastic inner receptacles, unless otherwise approved by the appropriate national authority, the period of use permitted for the transport of dangerous goods must be not more than five years from the date of manufacture of the receptacles, except where a shorter period of use is prescribed because of the nature of the substance to be transported.

Note 1.— This does not apply to UN 3291 packed according to Packing Instruction 622.

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