



WORKING PAPER

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

Montréal, 15 to 19 April 2013

Agenda Item 7 : Other business

DANGEROUS GOODS IN THE MAIL

(Presented by the Secretary)

SUMMARY

This working paper proposes that the recommendation in Annex 18 related to dangerous goods in mail should become Standard.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Annex 18 contains the following recommendation related to dangerous goods in air mail:

“11.4 Dangerous goods by mail

Recommendation.— Each Contracting State shall 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.”

This has been included since the first edition of Annex 18 in 1983.

1.2 Following the recent joint work by ICAO and Universal Postal Union (UPU) to allow certain lithium batteries in air mail provided the procedures established by designated postal operators (DPOs) in their State are approved by the civil aviation authority (CAA) of that State, it is proposed that the recommendation should now be a Standard. The need for the close cooperation between DPOs and CAAs as well as that between the UPU and ICAO has now being recognized by both organizations. Training material is being developed for the use of DPOs whilst guidance to States on the transport of

dangerous goods by post is included in the 2013-2014 Edition of the Supplement to the Technical Instructions. It is suggested that converting this recommendation into a Standard will further emphasize the need for close cooperation between DPOs and CAAs.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to amend Annex 18 as follows:

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