



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**
- 2.5 : Part 5 — Shipper's Responsibilities**
 - 2.7 : Part 7 — Operator's Responsibilities**

TRANSITION PERIOD

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SUMMARY

This working paper recommends that for all future editions of the Technical Instructions, a transition period of one month be established to allow packages prepared under the previous edition to be offered for transport and transported.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In the 2011-2012 Edition of the Technical Instructions, a transition period of three months was provided to shippers to allow packages prepared using the packing instructions in the 2009–2010 Edition to be offered for transport and transported. A similar transition period was recommended in December 2012 by ICAO in relation to the revised lithium batteries packing instructions in the 2013-2014 Edition.

1.2 Packages of dangerous goods may be prepared days before entering the transport system and may not reach the consignee before the coming into force date of the new edition of the Technical Instructions. The use of a transition period prevents any delays in the acceptance and transport of dangerous goods. Consequently, we recommend that for all future editions of the Technical Instructions, a transition period of one month be established to allow packages prepared under the previous edition of the Technical Instructions to be offered for transport and transported.

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

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to consider amending the text as shown in the appendix of this working paper.

APPENDIX

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

FOREWORD

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OPERATIONAL USE OF THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

This edition of the Technical Instructions is required to be used for operations from 1 January ~~2013~~2015 and will remain valid until 31 December ~~2014~~2016 or until such later time as a new edition becomes valid.

Note.— Packages prepared for transport using the 2013-2014 edition may be offered for transport until 31 January 2015.

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Part 5

SHIPPER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Chapter 1

GENERAL

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1.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Before a person offers any package or overpack of dangerous goods for transport by air, that person must ensure that:

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Note 1.— Packages and overpacks containing dangerous goods may be included on the same air waybill as cargo which is not subject to these Instructions.

Note 2.— The requirement in 1.1 k) also applies to consolidated shipments offered to the operator.

Note 3.— For cooling purposes, an overpack may contain dry ice, provided that the overpack meets the requirements of Packing Instruction 954.

Note 4.— Packages prepared for transport using the 2013-2014 Edition may be offered for transport until 31 January 2015. When this transitional provision is used, it is recommended that the shipper indicate on the dangerous goods transport document that the consignment was prepared in accordance with the 2013-2014 Edition.

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Part 7

OPERATOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

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Chapter 1

ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES

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1.3 THE ACCEPTANCE CHECK

1.3.1 An operator must not accept for transport aboard an aircraft a package or overpack containing dangerous goods or a freight container containing radioactive material or a unit load device or other type of pallet containing dangerous goods as described in 1.4 unless the operator has, by use of a checklist, verified the following:

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Note 1.— Minor discrepancies, such as the omission of dots and commas in the proper shipping name appearing on the transport document or on package markings, or minor variations in hazard labels which do not affect the obvious meaning of the label, are not considered as errors if they do not compromise safety and should not be considered as reason for rejecting a consignment.

Note 2.— Where packages are contained in an overpack or freight container, as permitted by 1.4, the checklist should establish the correct marking and labelling of such an overpack or other type of pallet or freight container and not the individual packages contained in them. Where packages are contained in a unit load device, as permitted by 1.4.1, the checklist should not require the checking of packages individually for the correct marking and labelling.

Note 3.— An acceptance check is not required for dangerous goods in excepted quantities and radioactive material in excepted packages.

Note 5.— Packages prepared for transport using the 2013-2014 Edition may be offered for transport until 31 January 2015. When this transitional provision is used, it is recommended that the shipper indicate on the dangerous goods transport document that the consignment was prepared in accordance with the 2013-2014 Edition.

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