



## **DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)**

### **TWENTIETH MEETING**

#### **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 2007-2008 Edition**

#### **FIRES CAUSED BY BATTERIES**

(Presented by G. Leach)

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Recently in the United Kingdom, during road transport from an airport, a package containing a battery powered drill burst into flames. The fire brigade were called and the driver was taken to hospital for smoke inhalation treatment. The package, which had been carried on a short haul flight to the UK, was badly damaged and caused damage to other packages and the floor of the courier van. A number of photographs are attached.

1.2 It is understood that other states have experienced similar incidents with power tools and the Panel are invited to discuss what measures, if any, can be taken, with respect to possible changes to the Technical Instructions to address this issue. If it is thought that action is practicable and urgent, a flimsy could be prepared based on comments received, for further consideration. Alternatively, the issue could be added to the work programme for the next biennium.

