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**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)**

**TWENTIETH MEETING**

**Montréal, 24 October to 04 November 2005**

**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**

**DANGEROUS GOODS PACKAGES OPENED BY CUSTOMS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 At WG/04, WP/12 proposed a change to Part 1;1.3 of the Technical Instructions to clarify that a package of dangerous goods which has been opened by an enforcement agency may only be forwarded to the consignee if it has been restored to a condition which complies with the Technical Instructions, as opposed to restored to its original condition which may not be in compliance. WP/12 was followed by Flimsy 6, which took account of comments on the original proposal, however no mention is made of this Flimsy in the report of WG/04.

1.2 In addition to the issue of the condition a the package must be restored to, WP/12 and Flimsy 6 attempted to address a perceived issue concerning the remit of the Technical Instructions in apparently requiring action to be taken after a package had been carried by air. However, a number of Panel Members did not share this view and consequently the proposal below is a revision of the original proposal which now only addresses the issue of the restored condition of the package.

**2. PROPOSAL**

2.1 Amend 1;1.3 as follows:

Any package opened during an inspection must, before being forwarded to the consignee, be restored to ~~its original~~ a condition **which complies with these Instructions** by qualified persons.

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