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DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)

TWENTIETH MEETING

Montréal, 24 October to 4 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

PROVISIONS RELATING TO PASSENGERS AND CREW

(Presented by P. Steele)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 At WG/05 I undertook to provide a WP with the aim of clarifying the intent behind the “lighters containing unabsorbed liquid fuel” entry in paragraph 8;1.1.2 g) (ref DGP/20-WP/3, para 8.36.3). It is believed that the current text can be interpreted as allowing liquefied gas lighters in checked and carry-on baggage.

Proposal #1 contains suggested new text for consideration.

1.2 During discussion on passenger provisions at WG/05 an informal suggestion was made that the passenger provisions be published on the public access area of the ICAO website.

Proposal #2 is a request to have the passenger provisions published on the ICAO public access website. Our State publishes the information on its own website both as a direct extract of the Part 8 provisions, and as a table based on the provisions, and will assist the Secretary with any necessary input if required.

1.3 The topic of the effect of alcohol on unruly passengers was discussed at a recent Asia/Pacific region cabin-safety meeting. It was pointed out that some States have legislation regarding the consumption of alcohol inflight and some do not, leading to inconsistencies in passenger understanding and actions. There was opinion offered that the wording of the *Note* relating to the non-restriction of alcohol below 24 per cent alcohol by volume could lead to conflict in the interpretation of State’s laws.

There was a suggestion that modification by ICAO of the text and *Note* covering alcoholic beverages in the passenger provisions would be sufficient to give crew the means to control consumption if necessary,

without compromising any State's laws or the inflight requirements and practices of operators. While it was acknowledged that the Panel's role relates more to the safety of dangerous goods, the group felt that the proposed modifications are consistent with ICAO's aims in regard to unruly passengers and should be supported by the Panel.

Proposal #3 is a proposal to amend the text and *Note* covering alcoholic beverages.

1.4 At a recent industry liaison meeting it was stated that one of our major carriers has a policy during check-in of referring passengers to a dangerous goods notice and specifically asking if the passenger is carrying dangerous goods that aren't permitted. The same carrier issues each passenger with a quite comprehensive leaflet covering dangerous goods permitted and prohibited. This policy is in place for all passengers, not just where there is a suspicion that the passenger has goods prohibited. The policy is believed to lead to a considerable reduction in cases of improper carriage of dangerous goods by the passengers of this airline, and, in the view of the liaison group, should be commended to all operators .

Proposal #4 proposes to amend the text of Part 7;5.2.2 to include an additional recommendation that check-in staff confirm that passengers are not carrying dangerous goods that are not permitted.

2. PROPOSAL

2.1 Proposal 1 – Lighters

Amend Part 8;1.1.2 g) by deleting the current text, except the *Note*, and replacing with the following:

- g) safety matches or a [cigarette] lighter that does not contain ~~intended for use by an individual when carried on the person. However, lighters containing~~ unabsorbed liquid fuel, (other than liquefied gas), intended for use by an individual when carried on the person. Matches, lighters, lighter fuel and lighter refills are not permitted ~~on one's person~~ or in checked or carry-on baggage;

2.2 Proposal 2 - Website

The Panel is asked to request that appropriate steps be taken to have the Passenger provisions published on the ICAO public-access website.

2.3 Proposal 3 – Alcoholic beverages

Amend Part 8;1.1.2 a) by replacing the semi-colon after “for such beverages” with a full-stop; adding the following new text immediately following, and by amending the *Note* as shown:

- a) when in retail packagings, alcoholic beverages containing more than 24 per cent but not more than 70 per cent alcohol by volume, in receptacles not exceeding 5 L, with a total net quantity per person of 5 L for such beverages; —The consumption of alcoholic beverages on board an aircraft is subject to any relevant laws of the State of the Operator and the approval of the pilot-in-command;

Note.- Alcoholic beverages containing not more than 24 per cent alcohol by volume are not subject to any restrictions other than those relating to their consumption.

2.4 **Proposal 4 – Check-in procedures**

Amend the first sentence of Part 7;5.2.2 as follows:

5.2.2 ~~Check in staff should seek confirmation from a passenger about the contents of any item where there are suspicions that it may contain dangerous goods, w~~ **With the aim of preventing dangerous goods which passengers are not permitted to have from being taken ~~on~~ aboard an aircraft in their baggage on their person, check-in staff should seek confirmation from a passenger that they are not carrying dangerous goods that are not permitted, and seek further confirmation about the contents of any item where there are suspicions that it may contain dangerous goods that are not permitted.** Many innocuous-looking items may contain dangerous goods and a list of general descriptions which, experience has shown, are often applied to such items is shown in Part 7, Chapter 6.

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