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**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)**

**TWENTIETH MEETING**

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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 2007-2008 Edition**

**EXEMPT HUMAN OR ANIMAL SPECIMENS IN PASSENGERS  
BAGGAGE**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Exempt human or animal specimens are not subject to the requirements of the Technical Instructions providing they are packed in accordance with Part 2; 6.3.2.3.6. Consequently, such specimens may be carried in passenger baggage. Concerns have been expressed in the United Kingdom about the possible exposure of staff such as airport security screeners and customs personnel to such specimens. The Panel is invited to discuss whether it is desirable to permit the carriage of exempt human or animal specimens in passenger baggage.

1.2 If the Panel believe such specimens should not be allowed in baggage, the question then would be how this could be done, as this effectively requires the regulation of a non-regulated substance. However, the precedent for such action appears already to have been set, given the wording of Part 2; 6.3.2.3.6. Consequently, it is suggested an amendment to this paragraph may achieve the prohibition if desired.

2. **PROPOSAL**

2.1 Amend Part 2; 6.3.2.3.6 as follows:

6.3.2.3.6 Patient specimens for which there is minimal likelihood that pathogens are present are not subject to these Instructions if the specimen is:

- | a) carried as cargo; and
- | b) transported in a packaging which will prevent any leakage.....

2.2 (This would result in the consequential renumbering of the subsequent sub paragraphs)

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