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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**

**AIR BAG INFLATORS & SPECIAL PROVISION A32**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Special Provision A32 states that air bags in vehicles or completed vehicle components are not subject to the provisions of the Technical Instructions. Air bags are being used in increasingly novel ways (e.g. boats, light aircraft) and it is understood this is the reasoning behind the UN decision to change “vehicle” to “conveyance” (see DGP20-WP/7).

1.2 A consequence of Special Provision A32 is that items of this nature may be carried in passenger baggage and it is suggested that it would be prudent to qualify the Special Provision such that air bags must not be capable of inadvertent activation. A32 is a reflection of UN Special Provision 289 however it is suggested that the air mode would be justified in taking a more conservative approach. If agreed, the amendment should be notified to the UNCOE.

**2. PROPOSAL**

2.1 Amend Special Provision A32 as follows:

Air bags or seat-belts installed in vehicles or in completed vehicle components such as steering columns, door panels, seats, etc. which are not capable of unintentional activation, are not subject to these Instructions.

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