

DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL

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Agenda Item 2: Development of recommendations for amendments to the Technical Instructions for incorporation in the 2005/2006 edition

DANGEROUS GOODS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL AID IN FLIGHT

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Part 1; 1.1.3 a) allows for the Technical Instructions not to apply to dangerous goods which are carried on board an aircraft to provide medical aid to a patient in flight. This provision addresses air ambulance flights where the aircraft is used to collect a sick or injured person and repatriate them to their place of origin. However, it does not take account of flights before and after collection of the patient; an air ambulance aircraft will typically position to the collection point with the dangerous goods already on board, in some instances they may be permanently fitted to the aircraft. It is suggested the addition of a note could clarify this issue.

2. PROPOSAL

2.1 It is suggested that a new Note 1 be added to Part 1; 1.1.3 a) as follows:

"(Note 1.- These dangerous goods may also be carried on a flight made by the same aircraft to collect a patient or after that patient has been delivered when it is impracticable to load or unload the goods at the time of the flight on which the patient is carried.)"

2.1.1 This would result in the consequent amendment of the existing Note to "Note 2".

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