

## **DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL**

**Frankfurt, 16 to 20 September 2002**

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

#### **OVERPACKS CONTAINING DIAGNOSTIC SPECIMENS**

(Presented by J. Abouchaar)

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Effective 1 January 2003, "Diagnostic specimens" will be shown in Table 3-1 in bold and with a UN Number (UN 3373).

1.1.2 However, except as provided in Packing Instruction 650, no requirements of the Technical Instructions apply to packages containing diagnostic specimens. In accordance with the requirement of Packing Instruction 650, packages containing diagnostic specimens need only be marked "Diagnostic Specimens" and in addition from 1 January 2004 must have the air eligibility marking.

1.1.3 Should a shipper wish to contain diagnostic specimens packages in an overpack there is no indication of what marking, if any should appear on the exterior of the overpack.

#### **2. PROPOSAL**

2.1 It is proposed to amend Packing Instruction 650 to include an additional paragraph after the "Air Eligibility" symbol as follows:

**"Where packages containing diagnostic specimens are placed in an overpack, the words "Diagnostic Specimens" and the air eligibility marking, appearing on interior packages must be clearly visible, or must be reproduced on the outside of the overpack.**

2.1.2 It is proposed to amend Part 5; 2.4.9 as follows:

(c) Where packages containing diagnostic specimens are placed in an overpack, the words "Diagnostic Specimens" and the air eligibility marking, appearing on interior packages must be clearly visible, or must be reproduced on the outside of the overpack.

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