

DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL

Frankfurt, 16 to 20 September 2002

Agenda Item 3: Resolution, where possible, of the non-recurrent work items identified by the ANC or the panel

3.4: Amendments to Doc 9481, *Emergency Response Guidance for Aircraft Incidents involving Dangerous Goods*

EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDANCE

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 During the latest Anthrax scare there were incidents on board aircraft involving spilled powders of unknown origin. One question that emerged was that there were no specific procedures in place to handle such a spill. The procedures that are now mentioned in Doc 9481-AN/928 (also known as the "Red Book") are far more aimed at handling other spills.

2. PROPOSAL

2.1 Develop a specific procedure to be incorporated into Document 9481 - AN/928, Emergency Response Guidance for Aircraft Incidents Involving Dangerous Goods, to handle a spill of powder of unknown origin. The procedure should be placed in Section 3.4, Amplified Cabin Crew Checklist for Dangerous Goods Incidents in the Passenger Cabin During Flight.

2.1.1 Information from an expert indicates that such a powder spill must be left undisturbed. It would be best to keep passengers and crew away. Thereafter cover it up using polyethylene or other plastic bags and blankets. After this only specialists are supposed to deal with the situation.

2.1.2 Note there is no proposal for the specific text yet, it is believed that experts from other DGP members should look into the matter as well to develop the procedure.

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