

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

PART 1; 4.2.2 RECURRENT TRAINING

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Questions have recently been received in the UK concerning the requirement of 1; 4.2.2 in the Technical Instructions, relating to recurrent training. This paragraph consists of two sentences, both of which have been queried, as follows:

1st sentence "Training must be provided or verified upon the employment of a person in a position involving the transport of dangerous goods by air."

In the UK, an operator of passenger aircraft, which was not approved to carry dangerous goods, argued that his staff (crew and ground personnel) did not need to be trained because they were not "in a position involving the transport of dangerous goods by air". Whilst this interpretation was not accepted, it is suggested this text could be made more explicit. Furthermore, it would also appear to conflict with the general requirements of 1;4.1.1 and the new Category of personnel 9, who deal only with cargo other than dangerous goods.

2nd sentence "Recurrent training must take place within 24 months of previous training to ensure knowledge is current."

This text does not explain what the consequences of not receiving training within 24 months are. In the UK, and it is believed in the wider industry, it has been interpreted as meaning that another initial training course would be required. However, it does not actually say this nor, it is suggested, should it; it may well be appropriate for personnel with day to day involvement with dangerous goods matters to attend a recurrent training course if the person is a short period of time outside the 24 months at the discretion of his employer/instructor. However, it is suggested that after 24 months, a person ceases to be appropriately qualified and it is suggested the text could be amended to clarify this.

2. PROPOSAL

It is proposed to amend Part 1; 4.2.2 as follows:

Training must be provided or verified upon the employment of **personnel**. ~~a person in a position involving the transport of dangerous goods by air.~~ Recurrent training must take place within 24 months of previous training to ensure ~~knowledge is current~~ **personnel remain qualified to discharge their responsibilities.**

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