



WORKING PAPER

**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)
WORKING GROUP MEETING (DGP-WG/16)**

Montreal, 17 to 21 October 2016

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 2019-2020 Edition

2.1: Part 1 — General

DPO'S APPROVAL FOR LITHIUM BATTERIES

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SUMMARY

This working paper proposes to analyse and discuss paragraph 1;2.3.4 of the Technical Instructions aligned with 11.4 of Annex 18 in order to clarify the issue for a future working paper submission.

Action by the DGP-WG: The DGP is invited to provide comments on the provisions for approval from the CAA to DPOs to introduce the acceptance of lithium batteries presented in Part 1;2.3.4.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Part 1;2.3 of the Technical Instructions contains provisions for the transport of dangerous goods by post. Part 1;2.3.4 establishes a specific approval to be provided by the civil aviation authority before a designated postal operator can introduce the acceptance of lithium batteries.

“2.3.4 Before a designated postal operator can introduce the acceptance of lithium batteries as identified in 2.3.2 d) and e) **they** must have received specific approval from the civil aviation authority.”

1.2 Since in this paragraph the term “designated postal operator” is in the singular form while “lithium batteries” is in the plural form, we ask to whom the word “**they**” refers. There are three possible interpretations:

- a) the word “they” refers to designated postal operators;
- b) the word “they” refers to each lithium battery to be accepted;

c) the word “they” refers to Part 1;2.3.2 d) and e).

1.3 The Spanish version of the Technical Instructions refers directly to the DPO. In this case, there is no misunderstanding.

1.4 Interpreting and translating this provision into Portuguese and probably into other non-ICAO languages may cause problems to some States to comply with the original intention of this paragraph.

2. **ACTION BY THE DGP-WG**

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to analyse and discuss paragraph 1;2.3.4 of the Technical Instructions in order to clarify the issue and possibly rewrite the paragraph.

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