



WORKING PAPER

**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)
WORKING GROUP MEETING (DGP-WG/17)**

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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

2.7: Part 7 — Operator's Responsibilities

IDENTIFYING AND DETECTING DANGEROUS GOODS

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SUMMARY

This working paper invites the DGP-WG to review the current provisions for cargo acceptance procedures in Part 7 to replace a training requirement already existent in other paragraph by competent requirement.

Action by the DGP-WG: The DGP is invited to review the requirement in Part 7;1.1.1. as shown in the appendix to this working paper.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Dangerous goods training requirements are contained in Part 1, Chapter 4 of the Technical Instructions.

1.2 Part 7;1.1 is related to cargo acceptance procedures. Although dealing with identifying and detecting dangerous goods presented as general cargo, 7;1.1.1 refers to a training requirement since the first obligation of this paragraph mentions “staff must be adequately trained”.

1.3 However, Part 7 does not mention further training requirements for other operator responsibilities in the same specific way as presented in 7;1.1.1.

1.4 In addition, Part 7;4.10 already redirects the training requirements applicable to operator staff to the general training requirements of Part 1, including operator acceptance staff.

1.5 This paper proposes to change Part 7;1.1.1 in order not to repeat training requirements in paragraphs not related to that and with the goal of establishing the right responsibility to operators.

1.6 Furthermore, the proposal in this paper changes the approach in this paragraph from training requirement to a competent requirement to clearly state that providing training is not enough to achieve the goal of being competent to execute the function of identifying and detecting dangerous goods presented as general cargo.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to amend Part 7;1.1.1 as presented in the appendix to this working paper.

APPENDIX

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PART 7 OF THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

Part 7

OPERATOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

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Chapter 1

ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES

Parts of this Chapter are affected by State Variations AE 6, AU 5, CA 1, CA 4, CH 3, CN 1, DK 2, FR 3, HK 1, HR 4, HR 5, IN 1, IN 2, IN 3, IR 1, IR 2, IR 4, IT 1, IT 5, MO 1, MY 2, NL 3, PL 1, RU 2, SG 1, SG 2, UA 1, US 10, US 13, VE 7; see Table A-1

1.1 CARGO ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES

1.1.1 Operators' acceptance staff must be ~~adequately trained to assist them in identifying and detecting~~ able to identify and detect dangerous goods presented as general cargo.

1.1.2 Cargo acceptance staff should seek confirmation from shippers about the contents of any item of cargo where there are suspicions that it may contain dangerous goods, with the aim of preventing undeclared dangerous goods from being loaded on an aircraft as general cargo. Many innocuous-looking items may contain dangerous goods, and a list of general descriptions which, experience has shown, are often applied to such items is shown in Chapter 6.

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