



WORKING PAPER

**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)
WORKING GROUP MEETING (DGP-WG/20)**

Montréal, 19 to 23 October 2020

Agenda Item 2: Managing air-specific safety risks and identifying anomalies

2.2: Develop proposals, if necessary, for amendments to the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284)* for incorporation in the 2023-2024 Edition

AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL PROVISION A61

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SUMMARY

This working paper proposes an amendment to Special Provision A61 to add the requirement for the words “not restricted” and the special provision number “A61” to be provided on the air waybill, to assist in providing persons in the transport chain evidence of compliance with its requirements.

Action by the DGP-WG: The DGP is invited to consider the proposed amendment to Special Provision A61 as outlined in Appendix A, to include the requirement for the words “not restricted” and the special provision number “A61” to be on the air waybill, when an air waybill is issued.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Special Provision A61 applies to the entries UN 2212 — **Asbestos, amphibole*** and UN 2590 — **Asbestos, chrysotile** in Table 3-1 — Dangerous Goods List contained in the Technical Instructions.

1.2 Special Provision A61 is as follows:

A61 (168) Asbestos which is immersed or fixed in a natural or artificial binder (such as cement, plastics, asphalt, resins or mineral ore) in such a way that no escape of hazardous quantities of respirable asbestos fibres can occur during transport is not subject to these Instructions. Manufactured articles, containing asbestos and not meeting this requirement, are nevertheless not subject to these Instructions, when packed so that no escape of hazardous quantities of respirable asbestos fibres can occur during transport.

1.3 In recent years, there have been shipments of asbestos into Australia held up in transit due to confusion as to whether the transport of the asbestos is in fact permitted, and also uncertainty around the shipment’s compliance of the requirements specified in Special Provision A61.

1.4 Currently, Special Provision A61 does not require that the special provision number be noted on the air waybill, which is contributing to the abovementioned delays in transit.

1.5 This working paper proposes to amend Special Provision A61 to include:

- a) the words “not restricted” to reflect that Asbestos in compliance with SP A61 is not subject to the Technical Instructions; and,
- b) a requirement for “A61” to be noted on the air waybill, where an air waybill is issued.

2. ACTION BY THE DGP-WG

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to consider the proposed amendment to SP A61 as shown in the appendix to this working paper for inclusion in the 2023-2024 edition of the ICAO Technical Instructions.

APPENDIX

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PART 3 OF THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

Part 3

**DANGEROUS GOODS LIST,
SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND
LIMITED AND EXCEPTED QUANTITIES**

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Chapter 3

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

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Table 3-2. Special provisions

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The words "not restricted" and the special provision number A61 must be provided on the air waybill when an air waybill is issued.

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