DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP) MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE

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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 2013/2014 Edition

2.7: Part 7 — Operator's Responsibilities

REPORTING OF DANGEROUS GOODS FOUND IN CREW BAGGAGE

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SUMMARY

This paper proposes amendment to the reporting requirements of the operator for dangerous goods found in passengers' baggage to include reference to crew baggage and items found on the person of both passengers and crew.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Part 8;1 of the Technical Instructions contains the provisions for dangerous goods carried by passengers or *crew* members and Part 8;1.1.1 prohibits both categories of aircraft occupants from carrying dangerous goods, except those specified in Part 8;1.1.2.
- 1.2 Part 7;4.5 requires an operator to report to the appropriate authority any occasion when dangerous goods not permitted under Part 8;1.1.1 are found in passengers' baggage, but there is no mention of the need to report any occasion when such dangerous goods are found in the baggage of crew members. Whilst reports are sometimes received from operators concerning items of dangerous goods found in crew baggage, the lack of reference to any requirement for this reporting in Part 7;4.5 means that operators cannot be required to report such incidents and it is suggested that this should be rectified.
- 1.3 It is also noted that Part 7;4.5 makes no reference to the need to report instances when dangerous goods are found on the person of a passenger or crew member. Again, whilst it is likely that such instances will be reported, lack of a requirement for such reporting makes it difficult to enforce.
- 1.4 Whilst many incidents involving passengers occur prior to departure of an aircraft, there are a number of occasions when passengers are found to be carrying dangerous goods upon arrival at their

destination. Currently Part 7; 4.5 requires that such incidents must be reported to the State in which the finding was made. It is suggested that it would also be appropriate to report such occasions to the State of Origin.

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

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to amend Part 7;4.5 to require the reporting of dangerous goods found in crew baggage and also to require reporting to the State of Origin as follows:

Part 7

OPERATOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

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4.5 REPORTING OF UNDECLARED OR MISDECLARED DANGEROUS GOODS

An operator must report any occasion when undeclared or misdeclared dangerous goods are discovered in cargo or mail. Such a report must be made to the appropriate authorities of the State of the Operator and the State in which this occurred. An operator must also report any occasion when dangerous goods not permitted under 8;1.1.1 are discovered—in passengers' baggage either in the baggage or on the person of passengers or crew members. Such a report must be made to the appropriate authority of the State in which this occurred and the State of Origin.