



WORKING PAPER

**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)
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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 2015-2016 Edition

2.1 : Part 1 — General

TRAINING OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS OFFICER/FLIGHT DISPATCHER

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SUMMARY

The paper proposed the addition of flight operations officer/flight dispatcher to category 10 of Table 1-4 and category 15 of Table 1-5.

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Annex 1 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, *Personnel Licensing*, specifies the training required to obtain a “flight operations officer/flight dispatcher licence”. It includes training in the operational procedures for the carriage of freight and dangerous goods. The specific section states:

“4.6 Flight operations officer/flight dispatcher licence

4.6.1.2 Knowledge

The applicant shall have demonstrated a level of knowledge appropriate to the privileges granted to the holder of a flight operations officer licence, in at least the following subjects:

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Operational procedures

n) operational procedures for the carriage of freight and dangerous goods”

1.2 Part 7;4.1.1 of the Technical Instructions states:

“4.1 INFORMATION TO THE PILOT-IN-COMMAND

4.1.1 As early as practicable before departure of the aircraft, but in no case later than when the aircraft moves under its own power, the operator of an aircraft in which dangerous goods are to be carried must:

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- b) from 1 January 2014, provide personnel with responsibilities for operational control of the aircraft (e.g. the flight operations officer, flight dispatcher, or designated ground personnel responsible for flight operations) with the same information that is required to be provided to the pilot-in-command (e.g. a copy of the written information provided to the pilot-in-command). Each operator must specify the personnel (job title or function) to be provided this information in their operations manual and/or other appropriate manuals.”

1.3 The flight operations officer/flight dispatcher is assigned duties in the Technical Instructions, however no training curriculum is specified. This creates an inconsistency between Annexes 1 and 18.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 As dangerous goods duties assigned to a flight operations officer/flight dispatcher are similar to those assigned to flight crew members, loadmasters and load planners, we recommend including “Flight operations officer/flight dispatcher” to category 10 of Table 1-4 and to category 10 of Table 1-5 as shown in the appendix of this working paper.

APPENDIX

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PART 1 OF THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

Part 1

GENERAL

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Chapter 4

TRAINING

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4.2 TRAINING CURRICULA

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Table 1-4. Content of training courses

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10 — Flight crew members, loadmasters ~~and~~, load planners and flight operations officer/flight dispatcher. |

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Table 1-5. Content of training courses for operators not carrying dangerous goods as cargo or mail

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