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ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE (EDI) FOR DOCUMENTATION PURPOSES

Proposals to revise Chapter 5.4 to facilitate the use of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) in lieu of paper documentation

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Introduction

1. Following the discussions and decisions taken with respect to the proposals in working paper ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2008/69 IATA proposes the following minor amendment to the adopted text as well as to propose text for 7.1.1.3 that was omitted following comments to the working paper.

Proposal 1

2. Revise 5.4.1.1.2 as follows:

5.4.1.1.2 When a paper document is used, the consignor shall give the initial carrier a copy of the dangerous goods transport document, completed and signed as required in this Chapter.

Proposal 2

7. To address consignor retention of the dangerous goods transport document, or the information provided, it is proposed that a new section 5.4.4 be added as follows:

7.1.1.3.1 A carrier shall not accept dangerous goods for transport unless:

- (a) a copy of the dangerous goods transport document and other documents or information as required by these Regulations; or

- (b) The information applicable to the dangerous goods is provided in electronic form.

7.1.1.3.2 The information applicable to the dangerous goods shall accompany the dangerous goods to final destination. This information may be on the dangerous goods transport document or may be on another document. This information shall be given to the consignee when the dangerous goods are delivered.

7.1.1.3.3 When the information applicable to the dangerous goods is given to the carrier in electronic form, the information shall be available to the carrier at all times during transport to final destination. The information shall be able to be produced without delay as a paper document.”
