

Air Eligibility Marking – Update

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The ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP), at the DGP meeting that concluded in early November, decided to remove the mandatory requirement for the air eligibility marking that was to take effect from 1 January 2004.

The decision of the DGP then had to go to the ICAO Air Navigation Commission (ANC) and then to the ICAO Council for their ratification. That process has been completed and now ICAO is in the process of finalising an addendum to the 2003-2004 Technical Instructions making the air eligibility marking advisory rather than mandatory. As soon as ICAO publish their addendum IATA will also publish an addendum to the 2004 edition of the DGR amending the requirements of Section 7.1.5.8 - Air Eligibility Marking to make them optional. The IATA Addendum will be posted on the IATA dangerous goods website at: www.iata.org/dangerousgoods

I am hopeful that all of this will be in place prior to 1 January 2004. However, should the ICAO addendum not be issued prior to 1 January, 2004 the marking will be mandatory.

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