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**AMENDMENT TO THE *TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SAFE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY AIR (DOC 9284)* RELATING TO THE CARRIAGE OF BATTERY-POWERED PORTABLE ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES BY PASSENGERS AND CREW**

1. The President of the ICAO Council has approved an interim amendment to the 2015-2016 Edition of the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Technical Instructions, Doc 9284) prohibiting passengers and crew from carrying battery-powered portable electronic smoking devices such as e-cigarettes in checked baggage and from recharging the devices in the cabin. Final approval of the amendment from the ICAO Council is expected when it returns to session early next month. The amendment is contained in Addendum No. 1 to the Technical Instructions and is available on [www.icao.int/safety/DangerousGoods](http://www.icao.int/safety/DangerousGoods).
2. Safety concerns related to the carriage of electronic cigarettes by passengers were communicated to States in December 2014 through an electronic bulletin (EB 2014/074). Several incidents had been reported involving e-cigarettes overheating by way of their heating element being accidentally activated resulting in a fire in checked baggage. At that time, pending consideration of the issue by the Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP), States were encouraged to inform operators of the safety risk and to recommend that they require passengers to carry such devices in the cabin, where an incident could be immediately mitigated, and not in checked baggage.
3. The addendum adds an entry for battery-powered portable electronic smoking devices to the list of passenger provisions contained in Part 8 of Doc 9284 as recommended by the DGP following its recent meeting in Montréal (DGP-WG/15, 27 April to 1 May 2015). Background information related to the panel's recommendation can be found in the report of that meeting and is available on the DGP website at <http://www.icao.int/safety/DangerousGoods/Pages/DGP.aspx>.

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