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TITLE: ICAO Addendum No. 1 to Doc 9284, 2025-2026

1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline updated requirements upon publication of ICAO Addendum No. 1 to Doc 9284 (Technical Instructions) 2025-2026, effective 27 March 2026.

2. Background

Following papers presented to the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP), namely DGP/30-WP/34, DGP/30-IP/9 and DGP/30-IP/11, and subsequent panel discussions, the DG panel recommended that amendments be incorporated into the 2025-2026 Edition of the Technical Instructions by way of an addendum to address an urgent safety risk in a consistent manner worldwide and to prevent further inconsistencies.

3. Changes to TI

Effective from 27th March 2026, power banks

- are limited to two per passenger and
- it is prohibited to recharge power banks onboard an aircraft
- it is recommended that power banks not charge other devices onboard an aircraft

Extract from ICAO Press release: “These improvements reflect ICAO's continuing commitment to enhancing aviation safety, in line with the Organization’s strategic vision of air transport for all by 2050, with zero fatalities and net zero carbon emissions. In support of this vision, the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel actively monitors emerging risks posed by dangerous goods and provides expert advice to ICAO’s standard-setting bodies.

The independent technical experts of the ICAO Air Navigation Commission reviewed and endorsed the panel's recommendations to amend the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284) with some revisions, which have now been approved by the 36 States that form the ICAO Council. The addendum to the Technical Instructions will be provided to all 193 ICAO Member States.”

4. Requirements for Irish Operators

As per, Aeronautical Notice O1 Para 1, dangerous goods shall be carried in an aircraft only in accordance with the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air and Para 2, notes that DG listed and classified in the Technical Instructions (as amended) may be transported on condition that the requirements and procedures contained in those instructions are to be complied with.

Accordingly, Irish Operators are now expected to incorporate ICAO Addendum No. 1 to Doc 9284 2025-2026 and update their policies, procedures, manuals, training and passenger communications, et al, as required.

5. Future changes

Panel members acknowledged that safety improvements were incremental and that ongoing monitoring of lithium battery requirements was necessary. They agreed that future revisions might be needed as more data and experience became available. The DGP will co-ordinate with relevant expert groups to manage increasing fire risks associated with lithium batteries in aircraft cabins.

6. References

- ICAO Doc 9284 – Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (latest edition)
- ICAO Addendum No. 1 to Doc 9284, 2025-2026
- ICAO DGP papers: DGP/30-WP/34, DGP/30-IP/9, DGP/30-IP/11, Extract from Final Report
- IAA Direction: Aeronautical Notice O.1