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**MINUTES OF THE 3rd EAG DG (AIR) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT HQ  
BALARD, PARIS ON 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 11**

Present:	Lt Col S Franco	AD LOG, EAG	EAG
	Sqn Ldr S J A Sharpe	SO LOG 1, EAG	EAG
	SCap Stéphane Charlier	ACOS O&T/Sp/MTCC	BEL (NATO TDG Gp)
	Maj R Saez-Benito	Air Mobility Command	ESP
	Lt Col M Cicerone	Stato Maggiore	ITA
	Sqn Ldr F Cadell	EUAT05.06I	FRA
	Capt S Garsten	Air Combat Dev Unit	SWE
	Maj E Steen	Rep: NOR MOD	NOR
	1Lt M Tiben	HQ Airforce Cmd	NLD
	Lt A Noette	EATC	EATC
	Cpl K Nicholson	EAG Clk	EAG

In Attendance:

Sqn Ldr B Sargent	SO LOG 1, EAG	EAG
Capt R Bernhard	GAFCom	DEU
Lt Col U Dien	GAF Com	DEU
Maj R Ortiz	Air Mobility Command	ESP
Mr M Sanchez	CLAEX	ESP
Capt S Bordet	Chf Terminal Ops	FRA
WO P Bernagaud		FRA
Lt Col X Foissey		FRA
WO B Assante di Cappillo		FRA
Mr O Bismo	NOR MOD	NOR
1 <sup>ST</sup> Lt J Van der Plas	RNLAF HQ	NLD
WO M Bollaert	COMOPSAIR Log BEL	
WO P Houbrechts	Cc Sp Dep Tech AIR	BEL
Capt P Noréen	Air Combat Dev Unit	SWE

Apologies :

Maj P Crets	EATC	EATC
Sqn Ldr D Parry	SO2 Air Freight Pol	UK
Lt Col R Goetting	Jt Spt Cmd	DEU
M Scheper		NLD
Lt Col J G N Coomans	EATC	EATC

ACTION

**Item 1. Introduction and Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman opened the Meeting and introduced Sqn Ldr Sharpe as Sqn Ldr Sargent's replacement and incoming Chairman. All attendees introduced themselves briefly as several new participants were attending the meeting.

**Item 2. Approval of/Amendments to the Agenda**

The Chairman presented the agenda, which was approved.

**Item 3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were endorsed by all present.

**Item 4. Matters Arising**

National Qualification Guidelines. NLD briefed the meeting on their National qualification guidelines which have been offered to NATO for possible inclusion in the Air Chapter of AASTP2. Being agreed as a NATO official working paper it requires release to EAG for official use by the DG(A)C.

CM TDG Gp

Dangerous Goods Questionnaire. At the last meeting the UK had provided a questionnaire that could be used to further assess the suitability of Dangerous goods for carriage under the ECVV if the initial information provided was insufficient. The Questionnaire was discussed with the possibility of becoming an Appendix to Annex A of the ECVV providing an extra tool for dangerous goods assessment. Nations were asked to consider the questionnaire and assess if additional questions needed to be provided for inclusion within the questionnaire.

ECVV Annex. Following agreement at the last DG (AIR) Committee meeting the EAG had inserted 2 additional columns to the ECVV Annex; however, there was debate over whether the columns were actually required in the proposed format. The inclusion of an item in a nation's top 30 would mean by default that it would be carried routinely by that nation; moreover, with the proposed inclusion of a questionnaire there was a requirement to reflect any further information that the sending nation may wish to add to allow a carrier to make an informed decision on the suitability of an item for carriage.

Actions:

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| 1. EAG would send a copy of the UK DG by Air questionnaire by e-mail to Nations.   | EAG |
| 2. Nations, by 20 Sep 2011, were requested to review the questionnaire with a view to the questionnaire becoming Appendix 1 to the ECVV Annex A. | All |
| 3. EAG, by Sep 20 2011, would delete column 2 on the ECVV Annex and column 3 will become additional information. Column 1 will remain extant.    | EAG |
| 4. All Nations agreed to start completing columns as agreed, review columns and the use of the questionnaire as an additional tool.              | All |

Hotspots Database. Following the last DG by Air meeting, the draft Hotspots database format had been sent out. No feedback had been received after the matrix was initially reduced as proposed at the last DG Air meeting. All nations agreed previously it may be useful to have as a reference guide. The intent is that the matrix will only be used as a logistics planning guide, and checks will need to be made with the airfield operator before use. It was suggested that the matrix should remain but with reduced content. Using interactive feedback at the Meeting, the database was updated to reflect nations' requirements (items removed) by members during the meeting. A copy of the suggested revised matrix is attached. EATC would wish to be kept informed of any developments.

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| 1. EAG was, by the end of May 2011, to send out the draft Hotspots matrix for review.                             | EAG |
| 2 All nations agreed to send comments on amendments to EAG to update/rephrase the Hotspots Matrix by 20 Sep 2011. | All |

Dangerous Goods Compatibility Matrix. A draft compatibility/segregation Matrix for the Carriage of Explosives by Air had been produced by the NLD; however, this detailed NLD National Guidelines which prevent it being considered as a common baseline. It is recognized that it may be useful if a composite matrix was produced for use as a handy guide during CATO operations/exercises. The matrix might provide a suitable baseline for DG movement by air but would require review as it may be unnecessarily complex. More time would be required to revisit the matrix in light of each nation's regulations.

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| 1. All nations agreed to provide a copy of their current national segregation matrix to EAG, SO Log 1 by 1 June 2011.  | ALL |
| 2.EAG, SO Log 1, would review the national matrixes to see if a suitable composite matrix can be constructed and to send the composite matrix to Nations by 20 Sep 2011. | EAG |

## **Item 5. PARALLEL WORK**

The Chairman of the NATO TDG Group gave a presentation on the TDG Group's activities. The group is there to provide subject matter expertise to NATO forces. Class 1 is their priority but they do look at the movement of all classes of dangerous goods. The group currently does not have TORs. The update on the AASTP2 (Manual of NATO Safety Principles for the Transport of Military Ammunitions and Explosives) tailored for ops has now been completed and includes an 'Air Part' and a training model to be used as a baseline.

Outstanding issues to be resolved with AASTP2 are: what kind of publication it should become, how it should best be published and what its name should be.

It is not yet clear if a full ratification process is required; however, edition 3 of AASTP 2 is already under development. The Group are coordinating with ICAO DGP on the development of a framework for exemptions. During the ICAO DGP 23 in Oct 2011, NATO will present the military view on the use of NEQ as the weight reference for Class 1 items. Also an informative paper on Quantity-Distances will be drafted for the benefit of the Panel. These papers will be discussed during the upcoming AASTP2 custodial meeting to be held in Budapest over the period 07-09 Jun 2011. Another main topic will be the drafting of AASTP-2 Part 6.2 'Transport of DG by helicopters'. The 2nd TDG Group meeting is scheduled for the period 28-30 Sep 2011 in NATO HQ, Brussels.

EATC are fully involved with the EAG DG(A)C and are contributing to the Committee. EDA is now heavily involved in creating a framework to facilitate diplomatic clearance and the EAG has been invited to participate in the EDA's deliberations.

Action:

1. EAG AD Logs would send out the EDA minutes from previous meeting to Nations.

EAG AD Logs

## **Item 6. AOB**

Lox Study. The LOX Study 1st draft was found to be not that valuable and was still ongoing – it had been sent to Nations for comments. Previous action items from the EATC minutes were for EATC to find a solution on LOX transportation. EATC have been asked to give the EAG feedback about LOX transport and if a suitable solution is found it might be appropriate to include details within the ECVC document as an appendix as it will be relevant for the EAG Community.

Carriage of Spare Flares. As each nation has a specific policy for the carriage of spare flares, all requests for movement of Flares would have to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. No further discussions on this subject were required.

**Item 7. Arrangement for the next DG(A)C meeting**

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The next DG(A)C meeting will be held in Brussels over the period 22-24 Nov 2011. The order of the meetings will change to ILC/DG/AMP. Final Note of the CM (Lt Col Franco) who once again highlighted the role now played by the National Representatives as part of a specific Committee with the capacity to endorse technical issues in the DG domain. A thank you was given to all for their hard work, and in particular to the outgoing Chairmen, Lt Col Franco and Sqn Leader Sargent for their vital individual contributions over the past years.



S SHARPE  
Sqn Ldr  
AO Log 1/CM DG(A)C

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