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**Electronic data interchange for documentation purposes**

**Proof of concept on the use of electronic data transmission in  
lieu of a paper dangerous goods transport document**

**Transmitted by the International Air Transport Association (IATA)<sup>1</sup>**

**Introduction**

1. Commencing in April 2012 IATA will be conducting a proof of concept of the use of electronic data transmission in lieu of a paper dangerous goods transport document for dangerous goods shipments in air transport.
2. The objective of the proof of concept is to validate that shipments of dangerous goods can move through the air transport portion without the need for a paper dangerous goods transport document. For the purposes of the proof of concept the paper dangerous goods transport document will still be produced by the consignor; however the intention is that this will accompany the consignment only for the purposes of redundancy.
3. The initial phase of the proof of concept will involve shipments between Europe and Canada. It is likely that dangerous goods shipments across other e-freight capable trade lanes will be added later in the project.
4. It is anticipated that a report of the initial results of the proof of concept will be provided to the Sub-Committee at the 41<sup>st</sup> session.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2011-2012 approved by the Committee at its fifth session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/76, para. 116 and ST/SG/AC.10/38, para. 16).