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NEW ICAO/IATA WEB PRODUCTS TO IMPROVE SHIPPING OF DANGEROUS GOODS

MONTREAL – 9 September 2009 – The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) have concluded a commercial agreement for the creation of two web-based products to facilitate the implementation of regulations concerning the carriage of dangerous goods on passenger and cargo aircraft.

For years, both organizations have made available to the global aviation community printed versions of the regulatory material adopted and regularly amended by ICAO. The new venture will make the information more easily accessible through the Internet, more user-friendly and ultimately more effective.

DGOnline is aimed at airlines. It will display, from any station computer or mobile device with Internet access, the latest information from leading dangerous goods regulatory and industry publications, including State and operator variations and updates, in multiple languages. It will feature a full range of practical applications to facilitate compliance with regulations. It will be available before the end of this year.

For its part, *iShip* is targeted especially at the shipping community. It integrates dangerous goods shipping tools and provides full and easy access to IATA's Dangerous Goods Regulations content. It can serve as the foundation for future multi-modal dangerous goods and general cargo solutions. *iShip* will be available in the first half of 2010.

"This agreement broadens our long-standing relationship and serves as a template for the development and commercialization, as equal partners, of products or services designed to meet the evolving needs of the world aviation community," said Raymond Benjamin, Secretary General of ICAO.

"Safety is one of the pillars of aviation that unites IATA and ICAO. The industry crisis highlights the need for cooperation on a range of issues to build a future for aviation that is safer and greener with sustainable profitability," emphasized Giovanni Bisignani, Director General and CEO of IATA.

The terms of the agreement apply to existing as well as potential products or services developed jointly by the two organizations.

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A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO was created in 1944 to promote the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation throughout the world. It sets standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety, security, efficiency and regularity, as well as for aviation environmental protection. The Organization serves as the forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 190 Contracting States.