

Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting held on 22.6.2006

Matters of Discussion

1.1 Review of Dangerous Goods Ordinance (DGO) / Regulations

Progress of the review:

- Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation
The 2nd draft was being prepared by the Department of Justice.
- Dangerous Goods (Application and Exemption) Regulation
Comments on the 5th draft had been forwarded to Department of Justice. Proposal on the regulatory control of dangerous goods in consumer packs had also been submitted to the Security Bureau. To help determine whether certain consumer goods could be classified as dangerous goods in consumer packs, sample tests would be conducted on products obtained from different retail outlets.
- Dangerous Goods (Packing and Labelling) Regulation
Comments on Part III of the Regulation in respect of “Approval of Design Type of Packages” would be forwarded to the Department of Justice.
- Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulation
Government departments concerned had discussed the legal issues of the regulation.

1.2 Code of Practice for the Storage and Use of Special Gases in Micro-electronics Industry

The Chinese version would be available in one month's time.

1.3 Dangerous Goods List

DGSC members were being consulted on the revised Dangerous Goods List.

1.4 Five-day Week in the Government

A drop-in box would be provided for collection of cheques and relevant documents outside office hours. Three published performance pledges concerning response to complaints of fire hazard and dangerous goods would also be curtailed to ensure service delivery within the same calendar period upon implementation of 'five-day week'.

1.5 Progress Report on the Investigation of the Buncefield Oil Depot Fire and Explosion Incident

DGSC members were briefed on the latest investigation progress.