

**Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting
held on 25.9.2006**

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 revised draft would be forwarded to the Department of Justice later.
- Dangerous Goods (Packing and Labelling) Regulation
Department of Justice's would give a reply to the Dangerous Goods Ordinance Review Working Group's comments on Part III of the draft regulation in respect of 'the Approval of Design Type of Packages'.
- Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulation
Government departments concerned had discussed the legal issues of the regulation.
- Consequential amendment
Due to insufficient time for finalizing the Drafting Instruction, the consequential amendments had to be dealt with by means of other Bill instead of an Omnibus Bill.

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

Members' comments on the draft Chinese version had been consolidated and a revised draft would be prepared for further comments.

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

Subsequent to the issue of the initial investigation report and the Safety Alert issued by the UK Health and Safety Executive, the Department had requested operators of major oil storage facilities in Hong Kong to check the level switch of high-level safety device of their oil storage tanks. Most operators confirmed that they had completed the check with satisfactory result.

1.4 Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Seminar on Global Harmonisation System (GHS) Implementation and Technical Assistance

Members were briefed on the above seminar attended by representatives of this Department on 20-22 September 2006 in Bangkok, Thailand.