

Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting held on 17.12.2007

Matters of Discussion

1.1 Review of Dangerous Goods Ordinance (DGO) / Regulations

Progress of the review:

➤ **Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation**

A meeting had been held on 16 November 2007 among relevant Government departments to discuss policy issues related to Part 4 (Conveyance of Dangerous Goods) of the draft regulation.

➤ **Dangerous Goods (Application and Exemption) Regulation**

The Department of Justice's reply on FSD's comments on the 2nd draft was awaited. The Dangerous Goods List had also been updated based on the International Maritime Dangerous Code 2006 edition.

➤ **Dangerous Goods (Packing and Labelling) Regulation**

Further instructions on law drafting would be forwarded to the Department of Justice.

➤ **Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulation**

The Marine Department had forwarded their comments on the first draft to the Department of Justice.

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

The Buncefield Major Incident Investigation Board had not issued further report on the incident since the last meeting. Recommendations in previous reports suitable for implementation in Hong Kong were being identified with reference to the existing safety arrangements in local oil depots.

1.3 “Be the Smart Regulator” Programme – Revision of Fire Service Requirements for Licensing of DG Store and DG Vehicle

The above fire safety requirements were being reviewed and revised to keep pace with current licensing practice, technological development and international standards.