

## **Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting held on 12 January 2016**

### **Matters of Discussion**

#### **1. Review of Dangerous Goods Ordinance (DGO) / Regulations**

Progress of the review:

➤ **Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation**

EMSD had agreed to assume the role of the controlling authority over similar gases which were rich in methane and used as fuel gas. The Working Group would keep in contact with the terminal operators during the DGO amendment exercise.

➤ **Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulation**

There was no update to report.

#### **2. Testing Standards of Static Tanks for Storage of Category 5, Class 3 DG in Bulk**

The testing standards would come into effect three months after the issue of the FSD circular letter. FSD would request the Hong Kong Association of Property Management Companies to send tailor-made questionnaires to commercial composite/domestic/industrial buildings with a total sample size of 200 buildings for compilation during the first round survey.

#### **3. Refrigerant**

FSD replied to the Ombudsman on 30.9.2015 that FSD, relevant bureaux and departments were actively following up the recommendations of the investigation report.

#### **4. Tank on Trailers**

FSD would prepare a letter to inform applicants, the trade and relevant stakeholders that dangerous goods vehicles (DGV) not complying with fire safety requirements regarding restrictions on tank compartment sizes would not be issued with a DGV licence.

## **5. Freight Forwarding and Delivery of Parcels containing Dangerous Goods**

The advisory letters to remind operators of logistics / freight forwarding companies and courier companies to observe the Dangerous Goods Regulations governing the storage and conveyance of DG during daily operations were distributed through relevant associations vide e-mail on 20.10.2015. The advisory letters were also uploaded to FSD website for general information. A DG seminar would be arranged for the trade tentatively in early February 2016.