

Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting held on 22 December 2016

Matters of Discussion

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

Progress of the review:

➤ **Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation**

DG(A)O and its subsidiary legislations had been critically reviewed and a list of major issues had been forwarded to the Security Bureau for deliberation.

Subsequent to the presentation of the technical amendments to the DG(G)R in the last meeting, the Working Group had circulated the finalized DGSC Paper 2/2016 to members on 14.12.2016 for comment and seeking endorsement.

➤ **Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulation**

There was no update to report.

2. Refrigerant

Members were informed that ENB/EMSD would take the lead to establish a monitoring system for the use of refrigerants. Under the proposal, EMSD would regulate the use of refrigerants in household air conditioners and conduct inspections to commercial and industrial refrigerating and air-conditioning systems. Moreover, EMSD would also take up the role of communicating with the trade and educating the public on the safe use of refrigerants. It was suggested to consider a consolidated regulatory regime for refrigerants, regardless of substances, from import and manufacturing to supply and use. FSD would keep in view the revised proposal.

3. Tank on Trailers

The “Guidelines for Testing and Inspecting Tank Wagons for Conveyance of Category 5 Dangerous Goods” were being finalized with reference to TD’s advice and various international standards including ADR for European Countries and relevant codes for New Zealand and Australia.