

**Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting
held on 30 March 2017**

Matters of Discussion

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

Progress of the review:

➤ Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation

Members were briefed that the Working Group targeted to put the passed DG(A)O and DG(A&E)R into operation by 2019 and the amendment exercise would be implemented in two stages.

The First Stage would comprise the review of Cap 295E on DG in machine and exempt quantities; DG in consumer pack; marking, labelling and basic packing (basic PML) requirements; updating fees and penalties; and two Codes of Practice on classification and application and the Basic PML requirements. It was expected that the first stage would be completed in Mid April 2018. In the Second Stage, the consequential amendments in an Omnibus Bill would be implemented. Since more than 200 ordinances / regulations would be involved in the consequential amendments, it was expected that the second stage would be completed in 2019.

After completion of the above stages, the DG(A)O and all its subsidiary legislation would be put into operation. In the meantime, the second phase of the DGO amendment exercise would be conducted for a complete DGO review, including the review of DG(A)O on such as the authorization to impose a fee on DGV driver examination and delegation of authority from CE-in-Council to the Secretary for Security for making Regulations; DGV licences for other classes; DGV driver permits and examination; use licences; and Codes of Practice on conveyance and storage of DG in Hong Kong.

➤ Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulation

There was no update to report.

2. Refrigerant

At the inter-departmental coordination group meeting on 22.2.2017, EMSD confirmed that if there was prima facie information that the substance was LPG such as from the product name and/or information from material data sheet, etc., EMSD would take enforcement action accordingly. Contact points between EMSD and FSD would be established for better coordination on the enforcement action. The coordination group would review and determine the enforcement mechanism, referral mechanism as well as handling of application for using eco-friendly refrigerants among various departments.

3. Tank on Trailers

The “Guidelines for Testing and Inspecting Tank Wagons for Conveyance of Category 5 Dangerous Goods” had been prepared and forwarded to TD for further comment before sending to Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS) of Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) for advice.

4. Revised Testing Standards for the Static Tanks for the Purpose of Storage of Dangerous Goods in Category 5 Class 3 in Bulk (FSD Circular Letter No. 7/2016)

FSD’s revised testing standards for static tanks for storage of DG Category 5 Class 3 in Bulk announced via FSD Circular Letter No. 7/2016 would take effect on 1.4.2017 for all new applications..