Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting held on 30 March 2016

Matters of Discussion

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

Progress of the review:

Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation

A meeting with the representatives from various associations of vehicle repairing workshops in Hong Kong was held on 5.2.2016. The Working Group would further consult the Labour Department (LD) and the Government Laboratory and to explore the feasibility of conducting a separate technical amendment to the extant DGO. A meeting with Boilers and Pressure Vessels Division of LD had been held on 24.3.2016 concerning legislative amendment to regulations 66, 70, 71 and 74 of DG(G)R.

Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulation

There was no update to report.

2. Refrigerant

A meeting among FSD, EMSD and representatives of a leading air conditioning (a/c) system had been conducted on 22.1.2016. Another major manufacturer of air-conditioners in Hong Kong had attended a meeting on 25.2.2016 with FSD. In view of the development trend of flammable refrigerant used in air-conditioner, FSD would continue working with SB, ENB and EMSD to enhance the control of flammable refrigerants in Hong Kong.

3. Tank on Trailers

The notification letters to applicants, licensees, the transportation trade and relevant stakeholders had been sent on 30.3.2016. FSD was seeking

advice from the Innovation and Technology Commission and relevant engineering stakeholders on the methodology of taken measurements of the inner tank compartment space of a dangerous goods wagon.

4. Freight Forwarding and Delivery of Parcels containing Dangerous Goods

A seminar on "Legal Liability of Storage, Conveyance and Use of Dangerous Good" for members of Hong Kong Logistic Association had been conducted on 3.2.2016. DG Division would maintain close liaison with the Association on safe storage and conveyance of DG during their day-to-day operations.