

Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting held on 28 June 2017

Matters of Discussion

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

Progress of the review:

➤ Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation

FSD reported that various meetings with the Consumer Protection Bureau of the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED), the Government Laboratory (GL), the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), the committee members of Fire Insurance Association (FIA) and the Hong Kong Federation of Insurers (HKFI) had been held.

The Draft Drafting Instruction (DDI) for the amendments to the DG(G)R and the DG(A&E)R 2012, including the provisions of PML, had been submitted to the Security Bureau (SB) for comment.

➤ Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulation

There was no update to report.

2. Refrigerant

A working group focusing on providing vocational training to trade practitioners had been set up to enhance training and safety awareness on safe handling of flammable refrigerants. The first working group meeting convened by EMSD with the attendance of FSD, LD, VTC and representatives of HKIE and the Hong Kong Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Association (HKACRA) had been held. During the meeting, the scope, aspects and modes of VTC training to be provided for trade practitioners had been discussed.

3. Tank on Trailers

The “Guidelines for Testing and Inspecting Tank Wagons for Conveyance of Category 5 Dangerous Goods” together with the existing “Standard Fire Safety Requirements for Tank Wagons used for Category 5 Dangerous Goods” had been forwarded to Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS) of Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) for expert advice.