

## **Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting held on 28 September 2017**

### **Matters of Discussion**

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

Progress of the review:

➤ **Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation**

FSD reported that the Draft Drafting Instructions (DDI) for the amendments to the Dangerous Goods (General) Regulations (DG(G)R) and the Dangerous Goods (Application and Exemption) Regulation 2012 (DG(A&E)R 2012) had been forwarded to Department of Justice for comment on 18.7.2017 by the Security Bureau. Briefing sessions had been conducted to seek comments from the committee members of Fire Insurance Association (FIA) of the Hong Kong Federation of Insurers (HKFI); the Chemical Safety and Health Advisory Committee (CSHAC) of the Occupational Safety & Health Council; and the Safety Offices of eight Universities on the legislative amendment proposals.

After the briefing session in the DGSC meeting, the proposal had been generally supported.

➤ **Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulation**

There was no update to report.

#### **2. Refrigerant**

EMSD, LD and FSD had jointly signed a letter on 4.7.2017 to remind the trade, property management companies and other stakeholders of the regulatory requirements, retrofitting restrictions, associated risk and possible consequential liabilities arising from the use of flammable refrigerants.

### **3. Tank on Trailers**

The “Guidelines for Testing and Inspecting Tank Wagons for Conveyance of Category 5 Dangerous Goods” (the Guidelines) 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.

### **4. Testing Standards of Static Tanks for Storage of Category 5, Class 1 & 2 Dangerous Goods in Bulk**

To standardize the testing standards and keep pace with technological advancement, FSD was reviewing the testing standards of static tanks for storage of DG under Category 5 Class 1 and 2 with reference to the relevant international standards and guidelines.