

## **Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting held on 8 January 2018**

### **Matters of Discussion**

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

Progress of the review:

➤ **Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation**

FSD reported that the Working Group (WG) had conducted eight briefing sessions on the proposed DGO legislative amendment to professional bodies, special interest groups, trade of licensees and government departments from September to November 2017 with over a thousand of attendees. The proposed amendments were generally supported.

➤ **Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulation**

There was no update to report.

#### **2. Tank on Trailers**

Comments from Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS) of Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) on the “Guidelines for Testing and Inspecting Tank Wagons for Conveyance of Category 5 Dangerous Goods” (the Guidelines) and the revised “Standard Fire Safety Requirements (FSR) for Tank Wagons used for Category 5 Dangerous Goods” had been received.

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

According to the advice from Association for Petroleum and Explosives Administration (APEA) Technical Committee, all new tank installations since 1990 were constructed as double wall tanks and no testing standard was specified. However, according to the previous version of IP Code, “a



hydrostatic test may be undertaken, by applying an air pressure of 70 kPa to a tank full of water and maintaining it for 60 minutes during which time no loss in pressure should be recorded”. As for upholding the standard on fire safety and integrity of tank installations, it was advised to adopt such testing standard for all static tanks for the storage of all classes of Category 5 DG including single wall and double wall tanks.