Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting <u>held on 21 March 2018</u>

Matters of Discussion

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

Progress of the review:

Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation

Preparation of Draft Drafting Instruction (DDI)

The revised DDIs for DG(A&E)R 2012 had been cleared by SB and was re-submitted to DoJ on 15.2.2018. With regard to the DDIs for DG(G)R, the Working Group (WG) had studied the comments of SB and re-submitted the revised DDIs to SB on 6.3.2018.

Preparation of Code of Practice

The WG was preparing a Code of Practice on Classification & Application as well as Basic Packing, Marking and Labelling (PML) Requirements with a view to providing practical guidance to the trade and the public in respect of the specific requirements of the DG(G)R, including cylinder approval, packing, marking and labelling requirements etc.

Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulation

There was no update to report.

2. Tank on Trailers

The DGSC Paper in respect of the revised "Standard Fire Safety Requirements (FSR) for Tank Wagons used for Category 5 Dangerous Goods" would be circulated to members for discussion and comment after the meeting.

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

With regard to FSD's proposal of adopting the testing standard for all static tanks for storage of all classes of Category 5 DG including single wall and double wall tanks, relevant government departments including EMSD, EPD and BPVA of Labour Department had been consulted. No adverse comment had been received on the captioned proposal.

4. APEA Training

Two overseas experts from the Association for Petroleum & Explosives Administration (APEA) had been invited to conduct the training based on local petrol filling stations' (PFS') regulatory regime, to share overseas hands-on experience in regulating PFS and to deliver the technical knowledge of the Blue Book. The training courses were held successfully from 5 to 9 March 2018 at the Fire and Ambulance Services Academy.