Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting held on 25 April 2019

Matters of Discussion

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

Progress of the review:

Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation

The Law Drafting Officer (LDO) of Department of Justice (DoJ) issued the 3rd working draft of Drafting Instructions (DIs) for amendments to the DG(A&E)R 2012 and the 1st working draft of DIs for amendments to the DG(G)R. The Working Group (WG) was studying the contents and working on the response.

Regarding the Draft Drafting Instructions (DDIs) for the Amendment Bill and the consequential amendments, the WG would keep track on the progress with Security Bureau (SB) to obtain comment from the Transport and Housing Bureau.

Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulation

There was no update to report.

2. Review on Local Private Dangerous Goods Warehouses

There was an imminent need for having a government DG warehouse to accommodate FSD's enforcement capacity in a long run to cope with law enforcement actions in combating illicit fuelling activities, handling illegal DG storages and fire hazard complaints.

On one hand, the Architectural Services Department was conducting a study on the feasibility and development approach in co-locating both FSD and private DG warehouse on a potential site. On the other hand, FSD was also conducting a feasibility study on providing government DG storage facilities.