

Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting held on 12 December 2019

Matters of Discussion

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

Progress of the review:

➤ **Dangerous Goods (General) Regulations (DG(G)R)**

With regard to the proposed amendments to the control of explosives, Department of Justice (DoJ) issued the second working draft of Dangerous Goods (Application and Exemption) Regulations 2012 (DG(A&E)R 2012) in relation to Schedule 1 Dangerous Goods. FSD's comment was reverted to DoJ via Security Bureau (SB).

FSD's comment on the eighth working draft of DG(G)R was reverted to DoJ via SB. In addition, the second working draft of the new Chinese version of DG(G)R released by DoJ was being studied by FSD.

The consultation period on Proposed Amendments to the DG(G)R and DG(A&E)R 2012 related to Category 1 Dangerous Goods ended on 25.10.2019 with positive response.

Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulations

There was no update to report.

2. Review on Fire Safety Requirements for Dangerous Goods Vehicles

DGSC Paper No. 3/2019 on Proposed Amendments on the Standard Fire Safety Requirements for Tank Wagons Used for Conveyance of Category 5 Dangerous Goods was circulated among members for discussion.

3. Safe Operation of Petrol Filling Station (PFS)

To ensure fire safety, FSD would not only proffer fire safety guidance for PFS's observance, but also maintain close liaison with safety

officers of respective oil companies and conduct joint inspections to PFSs located in areas near the demonstration venues.

Oil companies should also tighten their measures on sale of petrol in bulk to members of the society to avoid the use of petrol for wilful purpose.

4. Enhancement of Security Measures for Dangerous Goods Stores

To enhance the security of dangerous goods storage and to prevent any loss of chemicals, some security measures were discussed to ensure proper storage of dangerous goods at all times. It was also reminded to uphold full compliance with the fire safety requirements and keep the fire service installations and equipment of dangerous goods stores in efficient working order for the sake of public safety.