

## **Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting held on 17 August 2023**

### **Matters of Discussion**

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

Progress of the review:

- Implementation of the amended DGO, Cap. 295 and its subsidiary legislation

Since the implementation of the amended DGO, FSD had arranged three sharing sessions of “FSD Connects with the Relevant Industries of Dangerous Goods”. To facilitate the applications in relation to fuel tank room and pressure receptacle, the fourth sharing session would be held on 25.8.2023.

#### **2. Safe Operation of Petrol Filling Station (PFS)**

From May to July 2023, the Dangerous Goods Enforcement Team (DGET) of FSD had conducted surprise inspections to 68 PFS during which fire safety advice was given to the PFS operators.

PFS operators were reminded to apply for new DG licences under amended DGO preferably not later than 3 months before the lapse of their extant DG licences.

#### **3. Enforcement Actions Related to Over-Storage of Dangerous Goods**

From May to July 2023, DGET had conducted 146 surprise inspections to hardware and chemical material stores and had taken relevant enforcement actions against cases of over-storage of DG.

#### **4. Fire Safety at Oil Depots**

The progress on the Voluntary Mutual Aid Scheme – Provision of Reserve Foam Concentrate in the Event of a Major Oil Farm Incident was reported. A tabletop exercise was conducted on 20.6.2023 and the next table-top exercise would be scheduled for December 2023.

Operators of oil storage installations were reminded to apply for new DG licences under amended DGO preferably not later than 3 months before the lapse of their extant DG licences.

## **5. Safe Operation at DG stores**

From May to July 2023, FSD had carried out 1,049 surprise inspections to approved DG stores. The condition of most of the DG stores inspected was satisfactory.

The DG licence application workshop launched in March 2023 were much welcomed by the trade and processed more than 1500 cases for conversion of DG licences under Dangerous Goods (Control) Regulation Cap. 295G. Licensees were reminded to apply for new DG licences under amended DGO preferably not later than 3 months before the lapse of their extant DG licences.