

Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting held on 10 November 2022

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

About 1,200 practitioners from relevant trades joined the webinar “FSD Connects with the Relevant Industries of Dangerous Goods” on 26.8.2022. The relevant materials of the webinar had been uploaded onto the DG thematic website for general reference. The Chinese version of “A Guide to Application for Dangerous Goods Licence and Approval” had also been uploaded onto the DG thematic website to facilitate the application for DG licences under the new regulatory regime.

- Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulations

There was no update to report.

2. Safe Operation of Petrol Filling Station (PFS)

From August to October 2022, the Dangerous Goods Enforcement Team (DGET) of FSD had conducted surprise inspections to 43 PFS during which fire safety advice was given to the operators.

Since the implementation of the amended DGO on 31.3.2022, around 200 applications were received from PFS operators for new DG licences to replace their existing DG licences. 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 August to October 2022, DGET had conducted 54 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 with an oil company was scheduled for 6.12.2022.

Since the implementation of the amended DGO on 31.3.2022, around 70 applications were received from operators of oil storage installations for new DG licences to replace their existing DG licences. 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.

5. Safe Operation at DG stores

From August to October 2022, FSD had carried out 987 surprise inspections to approved DG stores. The condition of most DG stores inspected was satisfactory.

In addition, FSD had been arranging discussion sessions and briefing sessions to the licensees and operators of major DG stores to facilitate their application and renewal of DG licences under the amended DGO within the 24-month transitional period.