

**Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting
held on 19 March 2020**

Matters of Discussion

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

Progress of the review:

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

Due to the situation of COVID-19 in Hong Kong, the legislative amendment exercise was unlikely to be taken forward in the current LegCo term as planned. Some representatives of respective industries expressed disappointment over the deferment of the legislative amendments.

Law Drafting Officer (LDO) issued the 2nd consolidated English working draft and 2nd consolidated Chinese working draft of DG(A&E)R 2012. FSD's response was reverted to Security Bureau (SB).

LDO had issued the 10th English working draft of DG(G)R and FSD's response was reverted to SB. In addition, LDO had issued the 4th Chinese working draft of DG(G)R and it was being examined by the Working Group (WG).

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 without adverse comments. In this regard, FSD would revise the concerned fire safety requirements with a transitional period of 9 months for the requirements to take effect.

3. Safe Operation of Petrol Filling Station (PFS)

With a view to ensuring fire safety, FSD had enhanced inspection to PFSs within protest hotspots and would continuously maintain close liaisons with the safety officers of respective oil companies.

Besides, FSD had no objection to the sale of petrol in bulk by oil companies as long as the buyers were aware of the exempt quantity of petrol for conveyance and storage and complied with relevant fire safety requirements.

4. Enhancement of Security Measures for Dangerous Goods Stores

In order to review the effectiveness of enhanced security measures implemented by various parties, A meeting between Tertiary Institutions Safety Advisory Group (TISAG) and FSD would be held.

5. Updating of 'Prohibited Goods' List in DG(A&E)R 2012

Since the legislative amendment exercise of DG Ordinance had reached the final stage, a consolidated list of prohibited goods was circulated amongst members for reference and comment.