

**Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting
held on 16 February 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

About 470 participants from the relevant trades and public joined the second webinar of “FSD Connects with the Relevant Industries of Dangerous Goods” on 9.1.2023. The relevant materials of the webinar would be uploaded onto the DG Thematic Website for public’s reference.

- Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulation 2012 (DG(S)R 2012)

The Marine Department proposed to include an offshore Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal at the east of Soko Island and the ASB Biodiesel Terminal at Tseung Kwan O as approved petroleum wharves in Schedule 1 to DG(S)R 2012 to cater for berthing of LNG carriers at the LNG Terminal on a regular basis, as well as to accommodate the regular and frequent uses of the ASB Biodiesel Terminal by type 2 and type 3 vessels respectively. The proposal was endorsed by the Committee.

2. Safe Operation of Petrol Filling Station (PFS)

From November 2022 to January 2023, the Dangerous Goods Enforcement Team (DGET) of FSD had conducted surprise inspections to 20 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 November 2022 to January 2023, DGET had conducted 92 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 8.12.2022 and the next table-top exercise would be scheduled for June 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 November 2022 to January 2023, FSD had carried out 1,278 surprise inspections to approved DG stores. The condition of most of the DG stores inspected was satisfactory.

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.