

## **Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting held on 11 May 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 organized three sharing sessions of “FSD Connects with the Relevant Industries of Dangerous Goods”. The most recent session was held on 28.4.2023 with about 410 participants.

It was important to note that the transitional period of the amended DGO would end on 30.3.2024. All DG licensees and stakeholders were reminded to take prompt and appropriate action to ensure compliance with the amended DGO from 31.3.2024.

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

The amendments to Schedule 1 “Approved Petroleum Wharves” to the DG(S)R 2012, Cap. 295F had been gazetted on 7.3.2023 and were put into operation on 5.5.2023.

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

From February to April 2023, the Dangerous Goods Enforcement Team (DGET) of FSD had conducted surprise inspections to 15 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 February to April 2023, DGET had conducted 90 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 next table-top exercise on the Voluntary Mutual Aid Scheme – Provision of Reserve Foam Concentrate in the Event of a Major Oil Farm Incident was 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 February to April 2023, FSD had carried out 2,084 surprise inspections to approved DG stores. The condition of most of the DG stores inspected was satisfactory.

To expedite the conversion of DG licences under Dangerous Goods (General) Regulations Cap. 295B to new DG licences under Dangerous Goods (Control) Regulation Cap. 295G, practical workshops had been conducted by FSD since early March 2023. The workshops provided one-stop services to facilitate individual DG licensees to go through the application process. 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.