

**Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting
held on 18 May 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

The amended DGO and its subsidiary legislation had come into operation on 31.3.2022 and there was a transitional period of 24 months provided in the legislation for the public to adapt to the new legislation as well as to update their licences.

A DG thematic website (<https://www.hkfsd.gov.hk/dg/>) was launched on 29.3.2022 to provide useful information of the new DG legislation to the public.

- Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulations

There was no update to report.

2. Safe Operation of Petrol Filling Station (PFS)

From November 2021 to April 2022, the Dangerous Goods Enforcement Team (DGET) of FSD had conducted surprise inspections to 9 PFS during which fire safety advice was given to the operators.

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

From November 2021 to April 2022, DGET had conducted 202 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 successfully with an oil company on 14.12.2021 and the next tabletop exercise with another oil company was scheduled for June 2022.

5. Safe Operation at DG stores

From November 2021 to April 2022, Dangerous Goods Division of FSD had carried out 1,130 surprise inspections to approved DG stores. The operators of DG stores were reminded to conduct regular stock checks and inspections to ensure the continuous compliance of the fire safety requirements thereby maintaining the storage safety and good condition of DG containers to prevent accidents.

6. Review on Fire Safety Requirements for Dangerous Goods Vehicles

The study on installation of GPS on dangerous goods vehicles was still underway.