

**Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting
held on 13 May 2021**

Matters of Discussion

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

Progress of the review:

➤ Dangerous Goods (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2021

Department of Justice (DoJ) had issued the 3rd English draft and 1st Chinese draft of the Dangerous Goods (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2021 and comments of Fire Services Department (FSD) were reverted to DoJ via Security Bureau (SB).

➤ Publication of Codes of Practice (CoP)

The drafting of the CoP was in good progress. Different government departments, including Labour Department and Government Laboratory, were liaised and invited for the provision of technical advice.

DGSC Paper No. 2/2021 on Codes of Practice for Dangerous Goods (Amendment) Ordinance – Contents and Principle was circulated among members for discussion and they were invited to give comments on or before 11.6.2021.

➤ Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulations

There was no update to report.

2. Safe Operation of Petrol Filling Station (PFS)

From February 2021 to April 2021, the Dangerous Goods Enforcement Team (DGET) of FSD had conducted surprise inspections to 16 PFS during which fire safety advice was given to the operators.

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

From February 2021 to April 2021, FSD had conducted 150 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 June 2021.

5. Safe Operation at DG stores

From February 2021 to April 2021, Dangerous Goods Division of FSD had carried out 1504 surprise inspections to approved DG stores to ensure the continuous compliance of the Fire Safety Requirements (FSR) issued.

6. Review on Fire Safety Requirements for Dangerous Goods Vehicles

To minimize the risk of accidental leakage of Category 5 DG from the tank compartment of tank wagon, FSD proposed to amend the FSR which would require the quick shut-off valves of tank wagon be closed and locked at all time except during the operation of filling or emptying the tank.

DGSC Paper No. 1/2021 on Review on Fire Safety Requirements for Tank Wagons used for Conveyance of Category 5 Dangerous Goods was circulated among members for discussion and they were invited to give comments on or before 10.6.2021.