

**Summary of Notes of Dangerous Goods Standing Committee Meeting
held on 29 February 2024**

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 arranged six “FSD Connects with the Relevant Industries of Dangerous Goods” sharing sessions. To further facilitate the compliance inspection of DG licences, approval of pressure receptacle for hydrogen tubes, as well as providing information on the proposed amendments of Schedule 2 of Dangerous Goods (Application and Exemption) Regulation 2012 (DG(A&E)R 2012), Cap. 295E and the Code of Practice for Control of Dangerous Goods on Land (CoP), the sixth sharing session was held on 31.1.2024.

The amendment proposal of Schedule 2 of DG(A&E)R 2012 and CoP had received general support from the stakeholders. The target commencement date was 1.1.2025.

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

The legislative amendment to Section 13(1)(b) of DG(S)R 2012, Cap. 295F was in progress to replace the symbols of single right quotation mark with apostrophe for representing arc-minutes of the coordinates in order to be consistent with the general requirement of the International Hydrographic Organization.

A proposal of legislative amendment to the DG(S)R 2012 to facilitate the use of alternative fuels in Hong Kong was circulated and no comments were received.

2. Safe Operation of Petrol Filling Stations (PFS)

From November 2023 to January 2024, the Dangerous Goods Enforcement Team (DGET) of FSD had conducted surprise inspections to 102 PFS during which fire safety advice was given to the PFS operators.

The conversion of DG licences of PFS under Dangerous Goods (Control) Regulation (DG(C)R), Cap. 295G had been completed.

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

From November 2023 to January 2024, DGET had conducted 265 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 would be scheduled for June 2024.

All DG licences held by oil depots operators were successfully converted to new DG licences under DG(C)R.

5. Safe Operation at DG stores

From November 2023 to January 2024, FSD had carried out 1,220 surprise inspections to approved DG stores. The condition of most of the DG stores inspected was satisfactory. The conversion of DG licences under DG(C)R was almost completed.