

**Minutes of the 59th Meeting of
the Gas Safety Advisory Committee (GSAC)**

Date: 11 July 2025

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Room 7102, 7/F, EMSD Headquarters, 3 Kai Shing Street, Hong Kong

Present

Ir POON Kwok-ying, Raymond, JP	Chairman
Prof CHAO Yu-hang, Christopher	
Mr CHOY Chi-tung	
Ms LEE Man-ying	
Miss LEE Sui-chi	
Mr LI Tsz-shu	
Mr WAN Chee-keung	
Ir CHAK Chi-kin, Peter	
Ms YUNG Ching-yi, Jenny	
Ir TSUI Yu-kwok, Samuel	Secretary

In Attendance

Ir CHAN Pak-cheung	EMSD
Ir WONG Lui, Eric	EMSD
Ir HUI Wing-koon, Joe	EMSD
Ir CHU Wa-wing	EMSD
Ir POON Mo-yu, Stephanie	EMSD

Absent with Apologies

Ms HA Wing-ka
Ir LEE Ho-leung

08/25 The Chairman welcomed members to the 59th GSAC Meeting. The Secretary briefed members on the mechanism for declaration of interests, and reminded them to make declarations in anticipation of any potential conflicts of interest.

09/25 **Confirmation of Minutes of the 58th Meeting**

The minutes of the 58th Meeting held on 15 January 2025 were confirmed.

10/25 **Publicity Work on Gas Safety**

(Minutes reference 03/25 referred.)

- (i) The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) reported on the gas safety publicity activities conducted during the period from January to June 2025.
- (ii) The EMSD continued to promote gas safety through social media. Apart from reaching a wider audience, the content could be updated promptly to keep up with the latest issues and public concerns.
- (iii) The EMSD collaborated with the Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department to appeal to the public not to bring non-approved domestic gas appliances into Hong Kong for use by displaying promotional banners and posters at different boundary control points (BCPs). Following the launch of the campaign at the Heung Yuen Wai BCP in December 2024, promotional activities at the Shenzhen Bay and Lo Wu BCPs also commenced in June 2025, with plans to expand to other BCPs, such as the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.
- (iv) The EMSD also promoted gas safety through mobile advertising to increase visibility. From March to May 2025, promotional decals were posted on the bodies of 100 taxis to promote the GU mark and the safe use of domestic gas appliances.
- (v) To enhance the delivery of gas safety messages, the EMSD engaged various ward offices of District Council members to hold safety talks at community halls, including those in Tai Wo Hau, Tsing Yi and Siu Sai Wan. The events were well received by local residents, and extension to other districts was under planning.
- (vi) The EMSD collaborated with the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) to disseminate gas safety messages to residents via electronic bulletin boards installed in the lobbies of public housing blocks. A trial run was conducted successfully in Tsz Ching Estate.

- (vii) The Government published the Service Handbook for New Arrivals with a view to facilitating the early integration of new arrivals into the local community. The EMSD provided gas safety tips in the Handbook on the proper use of gas appliances and dealing with gas emergencies. In the latest edition, the EMSD emphasised the significance of carrying out regular safety inspections (RSIs) and replacement of expired flexible gas tubing to further enhance their awareness of gas safety.
- (viii) Since 2015, the EMSD collaborated with the HA and the Hong Kong Housing Society to encourage RSIs for “long-time-no-service” (LTNS) public housing estate gas accounts, i.e. those accounts with no RSIs for the past five years. In 2024, more than 10 000 LTNS gas accounts were sorted out for targeted promotion, leading to a significant increase in the RSI success rate. Mr WAN appreciated the EMSD’s effort in tackling the LTNS issue and opined that stepped-up action should be considered on safety grounds. The EMSD responded that while it would continue to educate the public on the importance of RSIs through publicity and reminders, in the long term, when smart town gas meters with automatic cut-off function are installed for more LTNS gas accounts, the situation would be further improved.
- (ix) In March 2025, the EMSD and the Property Management Services Authority jointly organised an online gas safety seminar for property management practitioners, with more than 3 000 attendees.
- (x) The EMSD visited six construction sites and conducted gas safety talks to raise the awareness of works contractors and site personnel on the avoidance of damage to gas pipes and related statutory requirements.
- (xi) The EMSD completed the review of the Code of Practice for LPG Cylinder Distributors and the LPG Cylinder Distributor Safety Performance Recognition Scheme in consultation with the trade. The revised versions were published in June 2025. Major amendments included the introduction of measures to encourage distributors to adopt the LPG cylinder tracking system, with the aim of establishing a digital database containing the footprint of each cylinder.

- (xii) Since November 2024, the EMSD has conducted a comprehensive review of the Code of Practice for Hong Kong LPG Industry, Module 7 – Operating Procedures for Emergencies at LPG Compounds and Cylinder Stores in consultation with the trade. The new version of the Code of Practice (Issue 2) was published in May 2025. Major updates included the demarcation of responsibilities of different stakeholders, including the owners and operators of notifiable gas installations and registered gas supply companies (RGSCs), and their respective reporting timeframes during gas emergencies.
- (xiii) In May 2025, the EMSD joined a sharing session with the Fire Services Department and the Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited to enhance co-operation in response to gas emergencies and share experience in using methane guns for gas detection.

11/25 Routine Inspection, Incident and Prosecution Statistics

(Minutes reference 04/24 referred.)

- (i) The EMSD briefed members on the inspection, incident and prosecution statistics for the period from January to May 2025.
- (ii) The numbers of routine inspections in 2023 and 2024 were relatively higher than the past figures due to stepped-up inspections related to non-approved portable cassette cookers. It was anticipated that the figure would resume normal in 2025, as reflected in the provisional figure in the first five months of the year.
- (iii) The number of gas incidents showed a decreasing trend compared with figures in the past two years.
- (iv) The EMSD reported that the number of prosecution cases during the reporting period was comparable to that of the same period last year.

Application of the LPG Cylinder Tracking System

- (i) The EMSD briefed members on the application of the LPG cylinder tracking system. The system offers a comprehensive solution for managing the entire lifecycle of LPG cylinders through the use of RFID tags, QR codes or barcodes containing unique cylinder identification numbers. Cylinder movements throughout the supply and distribution chain are recorded using fixed or handheld scanners, with all collected data transmitted to a centralised cloud platform for real-time monitoring and data management. In addition to facilitating inventory control, the system allows key information, including the status of 5-year revalidation tests, to be readily checked, thereby enhancing both operational efficiency and safety performance. The improved traceability of the system also supports the handling of abandoned LPG cylinders by providing accurate histories.

- (ii) The EMSD further supplemented the overall application of the LPG cylinder tracking system among various RGSCs. To further encourage wider implementation of the tracking system by LPG cylinder distributors, the latest version of the LPG Cylinder Distributor Safety Performance Recognition Scheme introduced additional credits for distributors who effectively utilise the system. This initiative aimed to incentivise the adoption of best practices by LPG cylinder distributors and promote higher standards of safety.

- (iii) Mr WAN and Ms LEE expressed appreciation for the EMSD's efforts in promoting the use of innovative solutions to enhance operational effectiveness, optimise cylinder circulation and achieve safety benefits. In response to Ms LEE's queries, the EMSD clarified that the cloud platforms for the tracking system currently under trial by RGSCs were all developed and owned by the RGSCs, and that the data collected were not supposed to be centrally managed by the EMSD. The EMSD would continue to monitor the system implementation, evaluate its effectiveness and encourage wider adoption by the trade.

13/25 Latest Hydrogen Development in Hong Kong
(Minutes reference 06/25 referred.)

The EMSD arranged a site visit to Au Tau Hydrogen Refuelling Station and briefed members on its operation and refuelling of hydrogen street washing vehicles.

14/25 Date of Next Meeting

The current two-year term of the Committee will expire on 31 August 2025. The EMSD thanked all members for their contributions in the past. The next GSAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Secretary, GSAC
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