

**30th STCW Compliance Board Meeting to be held on 13.06.2024 at 1500 hrs**

1	Samundra Institute of Maritime Studies, Lonavala – application for conduct of Non-DGS approved courses	The following is approved by STCW Compliance board based on recommendations of PO, MMD Mumbai;- Samundra Institute of Maritime Studies is allowed to conduct eleven non-approved DGS Course as per their letter reference No.ADM46, dated 30.12.2023 and it is reminded that institute need to follow the requirement with DGS Order No. 05 of 2016 para 1.7 for conduct of non-approved (Value added) DG Shipping Course.
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2	M/s. Nandhanam College, Tirupattur:	<p>The MTI Nandhanam college, Tirupattur had made various representation to this dirctorate vide emails dated 12.04.2024, 24.04.2024, 29.04.2024, 30.04.2024, 02.05.2024, 09.05.2024, 13.05.2024 and 16.05.2024 on approval of 2nd batch of GP Rating. in the past, the matter was deliberated in 28th STCW Compliance Board meeting and the following decisions are taken;</p> <p>i) The Committee has agreed the views of PO, MMD, Chennai on various representations given by the Chairman, SNCET with regard to compliance verification of observations / deficiencies noted during CIP inspection dated 26/10/2023 &amp; 27/10/2023, conducting of two GP Rating batches against approval of one batch per year and revoking the approvals for B.SC(NS), BE / B-Tech Marine Engineering, Electro Technical Officers, Graduate Marine Engineering courses and decided to issue speaking order drafted by the MMD, Chennai.</p> <p>ii) BEST should ensure the approved intake capacity of the MTI prior to enrolling the candidates for Exit Examination. Training Branch shall submit the batch details to the BEST for the exit exam for the ratings. DDG (Training) shall issue a written communication to the BEST and IT and E Governance thereof.</p> <p>Accordingly, as per decision taken in the 28th STCW Compliance Board held on 09.05.2024, the Order dated 21.05.2024 was issued to M/s. Nandhanam College and the same is also uploaded on DGS website.</p> <p>In response to DGS Order dated 21.05.2024, the MTI has made two representations vide emails dated 25.05.2024 and dated 28.05.2024. The same been forwarded to PO, MMD, Chennai for examination and comments. PO, MMD, Chennai informed that the representations made by Sri Nandhanam College have been examined and the observations made as below;</p> <p>a) It is observed that MTI is of the stance to not cooperate for the physical compliance verification for the conclusion of CIP inspection conducted in Oct; and Nov' 2023.</p> <p>b) SNCETY has not clarified or offered explanation regarding the conduct of the unauthorized 2nd batch of G.P. Rating Course in the years 2021, 2022 and 2023 as against approval of a single batch per year.</p> <p>c) MTI stated that it is ready to build swimming pool if the local TN government allows it. It also submits that MTI is working in tie-up with outside swimming pool.</p> <p>d) The MTI has not mentioned about the willingness to give undertaking regarding the</p>
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adherence to DGS circulars without demonstration on non-cooperation.

e) Due to non conduct of B.Sc Nautical Science, BE/B-Tech Marine Engineering, Graduate Marine Engineering, the course approval automatically has lapsed. However, due to state of apparatus and facilities in the MTI are not promising to review the status of the revoked courses vide DGS Order dated 21.05.2024 in respect of the subject MTI. MTI conducted ETO course in 2023, however during the CIP inspection held in the months of Oct' & Nov. 2023, it was observed that the apparatus and infra facilities found to be in dilapidated state and unfit for the conduct of the ETO course. It was also observed that faculty for the course were not available in the MTI at the time of inspection and the claims made by the MTI have not been substantiated.

f) MTI claims to have complied with all the observations made by the MMD and requests for enhancement. However, the status of the same cannot be affirmed until the physical compliance verification is held as directed by DGS. Further, the PO, MMD, Chennai stated that no concrete reply has been made by the MTI.

The following is approved based on the discussions held in STCW Compliance board meeting and recommendations MMD Chennai.

- i) Based on the inputs received from PO, MMD, Chennai, DDG (Trg.) shall write to Tamil Nadu Government regarding the clarification on the swimming pool requirement in the Maritime Training Institutes coming under their jurisdiction. Further, the PO, MMD, Chennai is requested to depute one official for follow up with the secretariat of the Tamil Nadu Government on the said clarification.
- ii) The Draft reply to the MTI representations dated 25.05.2024 and 28.05.2024 may be prepared by the PO, MMD, Chennai and get it vetted by the legal consultant and submit next STCW Compliance Board for approval.
- iii) With regard to the unauthorized batches of 2021,2022 &' 2023, the decision has already been taken by the STCW Compliance Board in 29th meeting, however, the legal position about the passed out candidates or not completed may be examined.

3	M/s. Sriram Institute of Marine Studies, Noida – deficiencies observed during inspection :	<p>A complaint was received against M/s. Sir Sriram Institute, regarding Cheating in STCW Exams. The complainant stated that MTI is taking money applying CDC 2500, fees is 700 rupees. The competent authority had directed PO, MMD, Mumbai to undertake immediate inspection for verification of the complaint and the steps to be taken on fact finding to be reported and the same also to be placed on the table of the STCW compliance board for necessary action thereof.</p> <p>Accordingly, MMD Noida submitted the inspection report of M/s Sriram Institute of Maritime Studies, New Delhi in response to DGS Letter dated 04.04.2024. Shri Arbind Kumar Choudhary, E&amp;SS and Capt. R Poswal, NS visited the institute on 09.04.2024 for general inspection, The report says that the complaint regarding charging extra money for CDC could not be ascertained, however, during the inspection, other serious deficiencies were observed and accordingly, PO, MMD, Mumbai has recommended to take following actions:</p> <p>(i) Approval of PSCRB and Refresher of PSCRB course may be withdrawn as institute is not having proper lake, estuaries, or water bodies to conduct the practical training of these courses.</p> <p>(ii) Institute may be barred from taking admissions of Fresh batch of Pre-sea Training (i.e GP Rating and DNS) till hostel accommodation is made as per DGS Training guidelines.</p> <p>(iii) Institute shall devise a methodology of ON-LINE Proctoring of EXIT EXAM and link of same shall be made available to Directorate or its sub-ordinate office for effective surveillance.</p> <p>As per discussion, the recommendation of the PO, MMD, Mumbai was approved by STCW Compliance board.</p>
4	Revalidation of Master and Mates MMD wise data presentation :	<p>The Requirement of Revalidation course for revalidation of COCs of Masters and Deck Officers came into force w.e.f. 1.8.2023. Accordingly, Training Circular 19 of 2023 dated 28.07.2023 was issued wherein MTIs were allowed to apply for the course online, in case if MTI was 100% compliant of the guidelines. Further, the Directorate allowed approval based on documents submitted by MTI subject to verification of the same by the jurisdictional MMDs prior to 31.01.2024.</p> <p>Accordingly, total 24 nos. Of MTI were inspected to conduct the said course. The inspection was carried out by the respective MMDs. The recommendation of the MMDs is give below:</p>

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of MTI</b>	<b>MTI No.</b>	<b>MMD</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	Applied Research International - School of Higher Academic & Professional Education - I, New Delhi	107018	Kandla	Recommended
2	Centre for Maritime Education And Training LUCKNOW	101003	Kandla	Recommended
3	Fosma Maritime Institute & Research Organisation NOIDA	103007	Kandla	Recommended
4	Natcom Education & Research Foundation GURUGRAM	105015	Kandla	Recommended
5	SEI Educational Trust Faridabad FARIDABAD	103011	Kandla	Recommended
6	School of Higher Academic And Professional Education (SHAPE) PANCHKULA	103010	Kandla	Recommendation
7	Centre For Maritime Training Noida NOIDA	105023	Kandla	Recommended
8	International Maritime Institute Greater Noida	101004	Kandla	Recommended
9	Zasha Institute of Maritime Studies DEHRADUN	105016	Kandla	The Minutes of 28th STCW meeting held on 09.05.2024 may be seen at agenda no.10-

					wherein recommended shifting of courses and applied course, except two courses viz. PSCRB and Revalidation of Master & Mates Course.	
		10	Training Ship Varren NAVI MUMBAI	208081	Mumbai	Institute has not conducted any batches and requested to cancel the approval.
		11	Trident Institute of Maritime Studies NAVI MUMBAI	204066	Mumbai	Cancellation of the approval
		12	Asha International Institute of Marine Technology NAVI MUMBAI	203010	Mumbai	Recommended to withdrawn
		13	VIJAYATILAK MARITIME ACADEMY VASAI VIRAR	208074	Mumbai	MTI- Surrender of allotted course of Revalidation Course
		14	MASSA Maritime Academy NAVI MUMBAI	207042	Mumbai	The provisional approval granted to the institute for Revalidation course -Masters & Deck Officer, may be modified as 'permanent approval with intake of 24 and frequency of 24 batches.
		15	Mumbai Maritime Training Institute MUMBAI	203013	Mumbai	The current approval for conduct of "Revalidation Training Course for Masters and Deck Officers" is 96 batches per year, however same not achieved by MTI as the current course is for 4 days.

					Hence it is recommended that the approval may be amended to 48 batches per year with 24 candidates per batch and total intake capacity as 1152.	
		16	MTI (SCI) MUMBAI	201003	Mumbai	MTI has requested a three month extension to conduct the CIP for modular course and Post-sea courses, which has been accepted.  The Institute may be approved to conduct the "Revalidation Training Course for Masters and Deck Officers" for 24 candidates and 24 batches per year.
		17	Fosma Maritime Institute & Research Organisation (Kolkata) KOLKATA	305018	Kolkata	Recommended with intake capacity of 24 and 28 batch in a year.
		18	SEI Educational Trust KOLKATA	303014	Kolkata	Recommended with intake capacity 24 with frequency of 60 batches in a year.
		19	Institute of Marine Education And Research PATNA	303010	Kolkata	Recommended
		20	HIMT Tidal Park CHENNAI	405023	Chennai	Recommended for enhancing the Revalidation Training Course for 24 candidates per batch and 24 batches per year in addition to existing approved 40 candidates per batch and 48 batches per year and accepting

				the existing QMS Certification under the old trust till 31.03.2024.
21	Sea Skills Maritime Academy COIMBATORE	403022	Chennai	Recommended for 40 candidates per batch and 48 batches per year.
22	HIMT VIZAG Visakhapatnam	405051	Chennai	Recommended for 24 candidates per batch and 48 batches per year.
23	Pondicherry Maritime Academy PUDUCHERRY	403021	Chennai	Recommended
24	Euro Tech Maritime Academy COCHIN	401005	Kochi	Recommended

In view of the above 24 MTIs, the approval of following 5 MTIs shall be withdrawn :

1. Zasha Institute of Maritime Studies, Dehradun - not recommended for approval while shifting of the premises. The decision was taken during 28th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 09.05.2024 [Agenda no.10] wherein two courses viz. PSCRB and Revalidation of Master & Mates Course were not recommended, while concurring to the shifting of the premises.
2. Training Ship Varren, Navi Mumbai - MTI requested to cancel the approval.
3. Trident Institute of Maritime Studies, Navi Mumbai - not eligible for course. also not conducted the course, hence recommended for cancellation.

		<p>4. Asha International Institute of Marine Technology, Navi Mumbai - MTI is not conducting any competency courses for deck officers. it is recommended that Online approval accorded to the MTI based on DGS Circular 19 of 2023 may be withdrawn.</p> <p>5. VIJAYATILAK MARITIME ACADEMY, Mumbai - surrendered the course. Hence approval needs to be withdrawn.</p> <p><b>As per discussion the decisions taken is as under;</b></p> <p>1. All jurisdiction POs, MMD shall present each inspection with the specific proposal and recommendation for each MTI in the next STCW Compliance Board.</p>
5	AMAS MARITIME ACADEMY - 100182	<p>In-principle approval applied vide application no. 100182 by AMAS MARITIME ACADEMY for the following courses;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Basic Safety Training (FPFF, PST,EFA,PSSR)</li> <li>2. STSDSD</li> <li>3. Refresher in FPFF</li> <li>4. Refresher in PST</li> <li>5. Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker cargo Operation</li> </ol> <p>In continuation of discussions in 29<sup>th</sup> STCW Compliance board meeting, the said matter was again put up in the 30<sup>th</sup> STCW Compliance Board for deliberation based on the request of MMD Mumbai for review purpose.</p> <p>PO, MMD Mumbai informed that the MTI has complied with observations and also given an undertaking towards construction of own swimming pool and fire mock up within 18 months. Accordingly, the PO, MMD, Mumbai has recommended for In-Principal with the following proposed courses only:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Basic Safety Training (FPFF, PST,EFA,PSSR) :48 Batches of strength 24 candidates.</li> <li>b) STSDSD :48 Batches of strength 24 candidates.</li> <li>c) Refresher in FPFF :72 Batches of strength 24 candidates.</li> <li>d) Refresher in PST :72 Batches of strength 24 candidates.</li> </ol>

		<p>Based on undertaking, the Application No. 100182 is approved by STCW Compliance Board based on recommendation of PO, MMD, Mumbai.</p>
6	<p>AMET Institute of Science and Technology – 100562</p>	<p>AMET Institute of Science and Technology has applied for Diploma In Nautical Science course on 23.03.2023. The initial inspection of the MTI was carried on 02nd and 03rd May,2023. Various deficiencies were noted during this inspection and it has been observed that the request for additional batch any MTI can be considered only upon approval of initial application and upon obtaining Grade A1. The MTI submitted the compliance report along with documentary and photographic evidence. Laying of the approach road and setting up of Sewage Treatment Plant was in progress. ISO certification required to be completed within 6 months.</p> <p>MTI was advised to submit (1)the number vessels under their RPSL/ owner ship and number of training berths available with tenure for BSc Nautical Science, Diploma in Nautical Science &amp; BE / B.Tech Marine Engineering for each calendar year, (2) Number training berths allotted to M/s. AMET Institute of Science and Technology and other MTIs, (3) with above details the MTI must submit the allotment matrix of training berths for each course of their students.</p> <p>MTI replied that, “the requested details are being pursued with the RPSL companies and we are awaiting the same. On receipt of the details we will submit the allotment matrix of training berths for each course” 15 days time was granted to the MTI for submitting the requested information. MTI did not submitted the information.</p> <p>AMET Institute of Science &amp; Technology requested for withdrawal of course application No. 100562 to DGS on 15.09.2023. DGS vide Ltr No. 20-11011/26/2022-TRG-DGS dated. 06.11.2023 asked the reason for MMD, Chennai regarding the training berth details. MMD, Chennai vide Ltr No. PO/SC/01A/3077, dt. 09.11.2023 has replied to the above DGS Letter. 4. DGS vide letter no. 20-11011/26/2022-TRG-DGS(Comp No. 26344) dated. 19.02.2024 has accepted the course withdrawal request of MTI. MTI - AMET Institute of Science and Technology vide email dt. 19.02.2024 acknowledged.</p> <p>Accordingly, PO MMD Chennai has recommended that the MTI application for enhancement of DNS batches may be rejected by the DGS on MTI module, as requested</p>

		<p>by the MTI. The recommendation of the PO, MMD, Chennai is approved by STCW Compliance board.</p>
7	<p>Issues related to IMU-CET.</p>	<p>DO letter was drafted and submitted to chief examiners for their views.</p> <p>Chief examiner (Engineering) agreed with the content of the draft D.O. letter regarding IMU-CET, suggesting IMU to explore the possibility of merger of IMU-CET into one common "Merchant Navy Entrance Test" and till transition to such a Common Entrance Test, the test scores of the JEE conducted by NTA every year may be allowed for the admissions into all such DGS approved MITs.</p> <p>(2) However, it is felt that sub-para (iv) mentioning the proposed roles of IMU &amp; DGS in maritime training may need clarity, as the same would be interpreted as a policy communication between the heads of the Organizations ie. DG(S) and VC (IMU).</p> <p>(3) Sub-para (iv) of the draft letter says that "IMU would be responsible for skill development, Capacity building and Certification of courses and role of DGS would remain statutory in running and evaluating the framework of assessment and competency under STCW."</p> <p>(4) <i>Does the above imply that the administration, monitoring, and approval of MTIs is envisaged to be undertaken by the IMU in future and DG(S) shall only be involved in the CoC Examination &amp; Certification under STCW?</i></p> <p>(5) If that be the case, it is felt that the same may need more policy deliberations, as the matter has already gone through several judicial reviews, including the one from the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in WP 40370, wherein it was concluded that:</p> <p><i>"On a cumulative appreciation of these provisions, this Court comes to the irresistible conclusion that the DGS has got the power to regulate training courses on marine education which includes diplomas, degrees and post graduate diplomas. However, it shall be subjected to the rules and code. There cannot be any fetter in his power to prescribe</i></p>

*qualification norms which are reasonable and in consonance with rules and code. Except diploma, degree, postgraduate degree and higher degrees offered by the universities, the DGS is the absolute authority to impose conditions for qualification and training programmes. As far as diplomas, degrees and Post Graduate Diploma etc., granted by Universities, the Central Government decisions conveyed through the DGS carry persuasive effect on the universities.”*

(6) Hence, any change in the above position may need consultation with the MoPSW.

(7) It needs to be appreciated that the IMU is dedicated to provide education in various areas of maritime studies, including navigation, marine engineering, maritime law, and marine management and is primarily aimed at pursuing undergraduate and Post Graduation and Research programmes. Maritime training under STCW, however, has much larger mandate including several short-term modular courses, for which, DGS being the Maritime Administration is the ‘absolute authority’ as has been clarified in the above judgment.

It is therefore suggested that sub-para (iv) of the draft letter may please be reviewed accordingly.

Chief examiner from Nautical wing concurred with the views of other chief examiner (Engineering wing) and also suggested to delete the last two sentences in sub-para (v) of the draft DO letter. Following text in the draft letter may be deleted;

"and all Non-affiliated MTIs should gravitate gradually in time-bound manner towards accreditation and affiliation of IMU (which has been established by Central act of Parliament). IMU would be responsible for skill development, Capacity building and Certification of courses and role of DGS would remain statutory in running and evaluating the framework of assessment and competency under STCW."

Additionally, it has been informed that the DGS has mandated IMU CET for all the institutes based on the directives received from MoPSW in the year 2021. Although many institutes strongly opposed to such common CET during the year 2022 the resistance has faded slowly. Presently, the Non-IMU institutes have accepted the CET after a few

		<p>litigation in Madras High Court. Hence it has been proposed to add a statement in sub-para (v) that IMU may conduct Merchant Navy entrance test twice in a year i.e. first attempt in May and second attempt in July. This facility will provide two attempts for the candidates which will increase the intake in the institutes.</p> <p>DDG (Trg) mentioned that the meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 at 1100 Hrs online and would be placed in next STCW meeting for further deliberations.</p>
8	NIMHANS survey and study completion and engagement – time lines/ cost and present status.	The agenda was deferred till next 31st STCW Compliance Board meeting
9	Revamping of Training Manual	The developments happened in the meeting held on 04.06.2024 was informed to STCW Compliance board.
10	Update on examination reforms.	Based on the directions in 29 <sup>th</sup> STCW Compliance board meeting, a DO Letter along with the all the four documents was sent to the Ministry of PSW and NTA. It has been further informed to the board that a meeting with NTA will be scheduled shortly to deliberate further on conduct of examination process.
11	Presentation by POs for annual calendar for CIPs for MTI.	The PO, MMD, Kandla, Kochi, Chennai, Mumbai have made their presentations on the annual CIP calendar and they have directed to follow the timelines given in the said calendar. However, PO, MMD, Kolkata has not presented calendar in the proper format and presentation of the MTIs based on the data given by training branch was not shown. Hence, PO, MMD Kolkata had requested time till next STCW Compliance board meeting for presentation of the annual calendar which was granted by STCW Compliance board.
12	Presentation on pendency of online in-principle approval and course approval of MTIs.	DDG (Training) gave presentation on the pendency of online in principle approval and course approval of MTIs and all POs were requested to expedite the pendency.
13	Proposal to make mandatory training on English Communication & Soft Skill for Faculty & Instructors of DG approved MTIs.	After detail discussions in 28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> STCW compliance Board Meeting, it has now been felt by STCW Compliance Board members that the training course on English Communication & Soft Skill for Faculty & Instructors of DG approved MTIs cannot be made mandatory. However, it has been decided to issue a circular to encourage MTI to nominate more and more faculty/instructors of MTI to attend this online course. The circular shall be prepared by MTT in consultation with the Chief examiners and will be placed before next STCW Compliance Board for approval.

14	<p>The Directorate has received application dated 06.05.24 from Mr. Mohd. Shakir Abdul Kadir (INDoS No.19ZL1594). He has informed that his INDoS was de-activated because of irregular grant of course certificated from M/s. Bravo Maritime Academy for Batch session from 24.01.2019 to 08.02.2019. Now he has requested to remove the case so he can do new course.</p>	<p>It was informed that INDoS of 22 seafarers and 4 faculties were blocked, including Mr. Mohd. Shakir Abdul Kadir (INDoS No.19ZL1594), and the institute was de-recognised, for the reason of not imparting practical training. Candidate Mr. Mohd. Shakir Abdul Kadir (INDoS No.19ZL1594) has been informed to do the fresh course vide email dated 03.06.2024.</p>
15	<p>Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof.</p>	<p>Miss. Rehana Dhawade, Legal Consultant informed the updates on the legal matters/cases in Training Division to STCW Compliance Board.</p>
16	<p>Ex-post Facto Approvals of the STCW Compliance Board for the following course approvals :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) CV Raman College of Engineering [Application No.100676]</li> <li>2) School of Maritime Studies, Centurion University of Technology &amp; Management [application No.100688]</li> <li>3) SEI Educational Trust [Application No.100688]</li> </ol>	<p>The following is approved ex-post facto by STCW Compliance Board based on recommendations MMD Kolkata</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) CV Raman College of Engineering [Application No.100676]</li> <li>2) School of Maritime Studies, Centurion University of Technology &amp; Management [application No.100688]</li> <li>3) SEI Educational Trust [Application No.100688]</li> </ol>
17	<p>Ex-post Facto approval of the STCW Compliance Board for the following candidates :</p> <p><b>Cadet Navneet Prasad [INDoS No. 15EL1246] from MANET, Pune</b></p>	<p>M/s Maharashtra Academy of Naval Education &amp; Training (MANET) has informed that Cadet Navneet Prasad (INDoS No.15EL1246) was admitted in the Institute for B.Tech (Marine Engineering) in the Batch 2015-2019. The candidate was year-down, due to shortage of attendance and hence candidate cancelled his admission on 12/02/2020. Institute cancelled his admission online on DGS e-governance. The Candidate further re-joined and clear his remaining semester in December 2020 and then successfully passed out. Institute has submitted relevant documents. The Cadet now requires the new format Certificate, including SSTP. Now, Institute are now unable to generate his Certificate Number on e-governance (as it shows "Withdrawn"-Sr.No.145).</p>

		<p>File was referred to chief examiner and earlier Training branch has granted approval to another candidate of M/s.SAMS, Chennai on the same ground and which was accepted by the STCW Compliance Board. Accordingly, DG has approved the request from M/s. MANET and the said matter was placed in 30<sup>th</sup> STCW Compliance Board meeting for Ex-post Facto approval of the STCW Compliance Board. Accordingly, the ex-post facto approval was granted by the STCW Compliance Board based on the recommendations of Chief examiners.</p>
18	<p>Additional Agenda:- Course approval application no. 100518 applied by Kamaxi Maritime Academy, Goa.</p>	<p>Kamaxi Maritime Academy, Goa vide Course approval application no. 100518 applied for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Basic Safety Training (Course ID 6101): 24 candidates per batch, 48 batches yearly</li> <li>(ii) STSDSD (Course ID 6621): 24 candidates per batch, 48 batches yearly</li> <li>(iii) Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST (Course ID 6112): 24 candidates per batch, 48 batches yearly</li> <li>(iv) Refresher Training for Proficiency in FPFF (Course ID 6122): 24 candidates per batch, 48 batches yearly</li> </ul> <p>After detailed discussions and deliberations, it has been decided that all the points raised by PO, MMD, Mumbai and Legal Consultant to be intimated to the trust for comments and on receipt of reply from the trust, the same will put before the STCW Compliance Board for further deliberations and decisions.</p>