

33rd STCW Compliance Board Meeting to be held on 25.07.2024

Sr.No	Agenda	Decision Taken
1	Matter of Sea Scan Maritime Foundation, Goa.	The matter was again deliberated in the 33 rd STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 25.07.2027. Based on the MTI undertaking to complete all pending deficiencies, PO, MMD, Mumbai has recommended that suspension may be continued for till such time all deficiencies are not ratified. The recommendation given by PO, MMD, Mumbai is approved by STCW Compliance board and gave 2 months time for compliances. The report may be submitted to DGS after the compliance of the deficiencies by MTI or after above deadline whichever is earlier.
2	Updation of Citizen Charter for Training Branch, on DGS Website.	As per discussion, following decision is approved by STCW Compliance board :- (1) The Citizen Charter as submitted by Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade, DDG was approved. (2) DG(S) directed that the same may be published on DGS website through DDG E-Gov.
3	Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime, Sriperumbudur (MTI No. 402008).	The matter was again deliberated in the 33 rd STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 25.07.2024 wherein compliance of many pending deficiencies were observed, the report of the PO was presented wherein the PO, MMD, Chennai has recommended following; a) The existing approved crowd Management, Passenger Safety and Safety Training, Refresher Training for Proficiency in FPDF and Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST courses be temporarily blocked in DGS e-governance system training module till the compliance of deficiencies noted during inspection and the existing running courses may be allowed to continue till tis completion. b) Till the time satisfactory completion is received, the existing approval of 9 batches per year of 40 candidates each for G.P. rating course may be downsized to 2 batches per year of 40 candidates each in light of the observation made by the inspection team during the compliance verification that “Sufficient Equipment and Teaching aid not adequate for a single batch. Attached complete ROB as on date”. Consequently the existing approval of 24 batches of 20 students each for Basic Safety Training (BST) may be downsized to 4 batches of 20 students each, to curb the misuse of BST seats for the students other than those who enrolled for the G.P. Rating Course.

		<p>Existing approval for STSDSD course of 96 batches of 24 students each may also be downsized in line with batch strength of G.P. Rating Course i.e. to 4 batches per year of 24 students each.</p> <p>c) The existing approval for Certificate Course in Maritime Catering course may be blocked, owing to inadequacy and unavailability of the equipment required for the conduct of the course as observed in one of the major deficiencies during the inspection as “Equipment required to conduct CCMC course not sufficient as per annexure 7”.</p> <p>d) The MTI may be advised to submit the satisfactory compliance to MMD, Chennai within a definite timeline preferably of 6 months, failing which the revised batch size and frequency of pre-sea courses viz. Training for General Purpose Ratings, BST, and STSDSD may be blocked for new admissions in the DGS e-governacne training module till the compliance of deficiencies noted during the inspection and the existing running pre-sea courses may be allowed to continue till its completion.</p> <p>The recommendations given by PO, MMD, Chennai are approved by STCW Compliance board.</p>
4	Swimming Pool tie ups.	<p>The matter was again deliberated in the 33rd STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 25.07.2024 wherein the DGS Training Circular No. 07 of 2018 was discussed. DDG (Training) informed that the dimension of Swimming Pool was introduced vide said circular and he suggested that old instituted prior to issuance of circular having the existing swimming pool may be allowed to continued. He also informed the Tamil Nadu Govt. has restriction on depth of the swimming pool, the circular needs to be amended.</p> <p>As per discussions, the following decision is approved by STCW Compliance board:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The compilation of the data on swimming of existing institutes may be done PO Jurisdiction wise which shall includes whether owned or tie-up, dimensions. (2) No new institutes may be allowed any deviation from the circular. (3) The complied list Jurisdiction wise, to be submitted before the STCW Compliance Board then thereafter the revised draft circular will be submitted with the inputs from NA (I/C).

		<p>(4) Tamil Nadu Govt. may be asked for the clarification on their swimming norms.</p> <p>(5) DG(S) directed that the revised circular shall includes the details about the filtration plant, whether water quality is tasted from authorized lab, compliance of chlorination is done etc. If the standards not made, the MTI may be penalized. This clause may be included.</p>
5	<p>Presentation on pendency of online in-principle approval and course approval of MTIs.</p>	<p>In the 33rd STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 25.07.2024, it was informed that all jurisdictional PO/MMDs shall monitor the pendency for course approval and in principle approval and ensure that the same is disposed of within the timelines laid down.</p> <p>The case of In-principle application related to Shrimanta Shankar Academy was discussed in the meeting, the DG (S) stated that there is no maritime institute at North East Region and directed that the PO, MMD, Kolkata should visit the site and submit the report within one month. Since, very few faculty are available in that area, kindly check the faculty aspect.</p> <p>DDG Training pointed out the case of Five Star Foundation wherein as per advised by ARI team that no amendment in the submitted online application can be made, the wrong application was rejected and institute was asked to make the fresh application and fee of the old application was adjusted against the new application.</p> <p>As per discussions, the following decision is approved by STCW Compliance board:-</p> <p>(1) Refer the cases of M/s. Five Star and Bernhard Schulte back to Shri Deependra Singh Bisen, DDG for examination and if it is observed that the ARI team has given the wrong inputs due to which there was a long procedural delay, then the ARI team penalized accordingly.</p> <p>(2) The PO, MMD, Kolkata should visit the site of Shrimanta Shankar Academy and submit the report within one month.</p>
6	<p>Update on examination reforms.</p>	<p>The matter was again deliberated in 33rd STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 25.07.2024. Capt. Ravi Sikharwar, NS informed that the proposal has been sent to MoPSW, New Delhi and no reply received.</p> <p>As per discussions, the following decision is approved by STCW Compliance board:-</p> <p>(1) Reminder to be issued to MoPSW, New Delhi.</p>

7	Confirmation on publication of results at every STCW compliance board.	Shri Praveen Nair, E&SS and Capt. Ravi Sikharwar, NS informed about the updates on the publication of results.
8	Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof.	The Legal Consultant (Trg) was attending other meeting with Ministry of PSW, leave of absence was granted to her.
9	CIP Calendar and recommendations by PO, MMD, Kolkata	<p>In the 31st STCW Board Meeting, PO, MMD, Kolkata requested clarifications on the CIP guidelines. It was decided that PO Kolkata shall submit his queries and suggestions, feedback to DG Shipping, which will be examined separately. DG has given directions that the suggestions of PO, MMD, Kolkata be taken as their recommendations and be put up in the STCW compliance board for deliberation. Accordingly, the report submitted by PO, MMD, Kolkata was placed in the 33rd STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 25.07.2024 for discussion.</p> <p>As per discussions, the following decision is approved by STCW Compliance board:-</p> <p>(1) It was decided that in case of MTIs conducting all or either of the Pre-sea or Post-sea or Modular courses, then only one CIP inspection shall be conducted but the checklist to be submitted separately. Accordingly, the para 8 of Training Circular 33 of 2018 needs to be amended.</p>
10	Massa Maritime Academy – augmentation of space in adjoining plot building to commence new course.	<p>A representation from M/s. MASSA Maritime Academy, Chennai has been received stating that they are operating in independent building on long term lease which is owned by Shri K Praveen. He also owns the adjoining plot of land with G+3 building and has agreed to lease out the first floor [3500 sq. Ft.] with 4 more classrooms and proposed to commence courses viz. IGF Basic, IGF Advance and Revalidation for Nautical officers. The MTI has requested DGS approval for this augmentation to enable them to sign the lease deed.</p> <p>As per discussions, the following decision is approved by STCW Compliance board:-</p> <p>(1) The request of M/s. Massa Maritime Academy, Chennai shall be forwarded to PO, MMD, Chennai for examination. The PO, MMD, Chennai shall examine the request as per DGS Orders/Guidelines and submit report. Thereafter the matter will be submitted before the STCW Compliance Board for taking further decision.</p>

11	Issues related to swimming pool tie-up w.r.t. Hoon Maritime Institute, Kolkata.	<p>The decision taken in 32nd STCW Compliance Board meeting was intimated to the MTI vide email dated 11.7.2024. In reply, MTI has submitted the Swimming Pool tie up and MOU, Pool Utilisation chart, vide email dated 16.07.2024. MTI has stated that they will be recording full video of the practical training. This compliance has been forwarded to the PO MMD Kolkata for examination and recommendation</p> <p>The matter was again placed before the 33rd STCW Compliance Board held on 25.07.2024 for deliberation and decision. It has been informed by the representative of MMD Kolkata that they have raised some queries and informed the institute for clarification. Reply from MTI is awaited.</p> <p>As per discussions, the following decision is approved by STCW Compliance board:-</p> <p>(1) The matter may be placed before STCW Compliance board after the receipt of final recommendation from the PO, MMD, Kolkata.</p>
12	Course approval application no. 100518 applied by Kamaxi Maritime Academy, Goa	<p>MMD Mumbai has submitted its recommendations based on the inspection conducted and the verification of the compliance report vide letter dated 28.06.2024 from M/s Parixit Pai Fondekar Charitable Trust, Goa. The Trust had applied for the following courses :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Basic Safety Training (Course ID 6101): 24 candidates per batch, 48 batches yearly (ii) STSDSD (Course ID 6621): 24 candidates per batch, 48 batches yearly (iii) Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST (Course ID 6112): 24 candidates per batch, 48 batches yearly (iv) Refresher Training for Proficiency in FPF (Course ID 6122): 24 candidates per batch, 48 batches yearly <p>It is recommended to grant approval of courses applied subject to the following conditions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Acceptance of trust deed, lease deed, sub-leasing etc by the DGS. b) Acceptance of 49'x29' size swimming pool with shortage of 1 feet in dimension, since conduct of practical training in the swimming pool may not be affected due to the minor reduction of size. c) Intake capacity to be reduced to 20 candidates per batch due to the restriction in size of classrooms.

		<p>d) Course-in-charge shall complete the AECS course and submit the evidence to MMD prior commencement of any batches.</p> <p>e) Resources of the institute for conduct of DGS approved courses shall not be shared with Non-DGS approved courses. The compliance with this requirement shall be verified by local MMD within three months of commencement of courses.”</p> <p>The recommendations of PO, MMD, Mumbai is approved by STCW Compliance board.</p>
13	Introduction of “Basic awareness course for seafarer”.	<p>DDG [Crews] has proposed two hours familiarization course viz ‘Basic awareness course for seafarer’ which will be made mandatory for all the MTI. Draft Circular in this regard has been prepared and submitted for approval.</p> <p>The comments in the matter from CS, NA(I/C) and DDG [Trg] was taken.</p> <p>As per discussions, the following decision is approved by STCW Compliance board:-</p> <p>File to be submitted back to DDG (Crew) to prepare the detailed module within 2 weeks and submitted before the STCW Compliance Board for deliberation and decision.</p>
14	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology, Port Blair.	<p>PO, MMD, Kolkata has forwarded the detailed report on various serious shortfalls observed in functioning of the Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Institute of Technology. PO has further submitted that the non-availability of permanent faculty may have impact on quality of training and further MTI is conducting a course with only 1 candidate and may be show caused to immediately rectify all defects as detailed above. Further, it was also informed that vide email dated 18.06.2024, intimation given to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology, Port Blair, about the automatic lapse of the approvals of pre-sea courses viz. GP rating, DME and DNS due to automatic lapse since no batch details have been uploaded by the MTI on the MTI portal since last one year.</p> <p>In reply, email received on 21.06.2024 from the Principal of MTI submitting the reasons for not uploading the batch details and requested for one time exemption for uploading the GP rating- July 2023 batch. He has also requested to give the approval of GP and DNS since they have already initiated admissions for 2024-25.As per the decision taken in the 32nd STCW Compliance Board Meeting held on 11.7.2024, it was decided that no request will be considered and the MTIs can apply afresh for lapsed courses.</p> <p>In view of the above, the matter was submitted before the 33rd STCW Compliance Board held on 25.07.2024 for decision on:</p>

		<p>(a) Grant of permission for uploading the data of 03 DNS candidates of 2019 batch [presently the course approval is not active].</p> <p>(b) Grant of permission for uploading the data of GP Rating- July 2023 batch - presently the course approval is not active, but as per results of Exit Exam, it is evidence that the MTI has conducted July-23 batch but not uploaded the batch details. There is no automatic lapse.</p> <p>(c) Allowing to start one batch of DNS and GP Rating in 2024 and</p> <p>(d) Decision on issuance of Show Cause Notice to the MTI for various non-compliance, as recommended by PO, MMD, kolkata.</p> <p>As per discussions, the following decision is approved by STCW Compliance board:-</p> <p>(1) The PO, MMD, Kolkata shall communicate the deficiencies to the MTI and timeline for compliance from MTI to be taken. If any relaxation is required, the MTI can come back to the Directorate.</p> <p>(2) The permission for uploading the 2019 batch of DNS and July Batch of GP Rating is however granted .</p>
--	--	---