

**29th STCW Compliance Board Meeting held on 24.05.2024 at 1500 hrs**

1	Matter of Dr. J. Jayalalthaa Fisheries University, Thoothukudi for recognition of course or institute.	The following is approved by STCW Compliance Board. Capt. Ravi Sikarwar NS shall discuss the matter with NA (i/c) and submit the final recommendations within 1 week time.
2	Proposal to make mandatory training on English Communication & Soft Skill for Faculty & Instructors of DG approved MTIs.	The following is approved by STCW Compliance Board. i) The CEO, MTT shall examine the matter in view of the benefits if this programme is to be made mandatory to all the faculties and also financial implications may be examined. ii) The CEO, MTT shall present the detailed proposal on (i) above in the next STCW Compliance Board meeting.
3	In-principle approval applied vide application no. 100182 by AMAS MARITIME ACADEMY.	The following is approved by STCW Compliance Board. i) The recommendations of PO was not accepted since the institute is not complying with the requirement of swimming pool as per DGS Circular No.7 of 2018. ii) It was decided that for any new institute/new courses, no approval will be considered on conditional basis unless the MTI comply with the DGS guidelines fully. iii) The institute shall comply with all the requirements and revert back after the compliance for further processing.
4	Request of the Marine Engineering Training Institute (METI) of the Cochin Shipyard Ltd for approval of increasing the intake capacity from 114 to 140 GME course.	The request of the METI is approved by STCW Compliance Board based on the recommendations of PO, MMD Kochi
5	Course application no. 100404 applied by Sriram Institute of Marine Studies for the Refresher Training for Medical First Aid with a intake capacity of 20 candidates per batch and 72 batches in a year.	The application no. 100404 is rejected by STCW Compliance Board based on the recommendations of PO, MMD Kandla as it has been informed to the Board that MTI has withdrawn the said application.
6	Course application no. 100628 applied by HSNA Maritime Education And Research for the Revalidation Training Course for Masters and Deck Officers with a intake capacity of 16 candidates per batch and 48 batches in a year.	The Course application no. 100628 of the HSNA Maritime Education And Research is rejected by STCW Compliance Board based on the recommendations of PO, MMD Kandla as MTI has withdrawn the said application.
7	Course application no. 100677 applied by Natcom Education & Research Foundation for the Basic Safety Training course with a intake capacity of 24 candidates per batch and 24 batches in a year.	The Course application no. 100677 of the Natcom Education & Research Foundation is approved by STCW Compliance Board based on the recommendations of PO, MMD Kandla.
8	Issues related to IMU-CET.	The following is approved by STCW Compliance Board. 1.Since the matter is pending last 6 months, a reminder Note shall be issued to the Chief Examiners. 2.Admissions through JEE exam also to be examined by Chief Examiners.
9	NIMHANS survey and study completion and engagement – time lines/ cost and present status.	The following is approved by STCW Compliance Board. 1.DDG (FA) to give budget position on the said proposal. 2.Committee on the matter should submit a clear proposal in the next STCW Compliance Board meeting.
10	Proposal from Akhil Bharatiya Navik Sangh, Mumbai has been received for conduct of a course on mental health support for seafarers.	The following is approved by STCW Compliance Board. 1.Akhil Bharatiya Navik Sangh, Mumbai may be intimated by writing a letter that their proposed concept should be done in any MTI and get it audited by third party. The report of the third party alongwith the financial implications may be submitted to DG Shipping.
11	Revamping of Training Manual.	The following is approved by STCW Compliance Board. 1.The matter shall be discussed with CS and the possibility of appointing two full time delegated contractual resources having expertise in Maritime matters be explored. 2.The time line for completion of the revamping of Training manual work shall adhere to and submit before the STCW Compliance Board.

12	Issuance of Watchkeeping certificates to GP Rating candidates of unauthorized batches of Sri Nandhanam College of Engineering and Technology, Tirupattur (MTI No. 414046).	<p>Both the chief examiners opined that MMD Chennai has not given any recommendation for regularizing the unauthorized batches and the matter is pending before the Madras High Court. In a similar situation involving another institute PKMC, Cuddalore the Madras High Court has ordered the college to refund the fee to the candidates and the batch was not recognized. Therefore, DGS may not give any waiver to the institute or the candidates at this stage when the matter is pending before the Court and the institute is continuing the violations. Presently, the candidates have the option to continue sailing even without the GP Rating course. Hence the career of the candidates is not affected. Therefore, it has been opined that DGS should not give recognition to the unauthorized batches at this stage when the litigation is pending before the Madras High Court.</p> <p>The Judgement of Madras High Court in respect of MTI PKMC, Cuddalore is reproduced below;</p> <p>"25. The petitioner and the respondents must take the responsibility for having wasted the precious time of 80 students. Therefore there shall be a direction to the petitioner institution to refund 50% of the fees received by them from each student within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.</p> <p>26. There shall be a further direction to the respondents to ensure that the 80 students get their seat in the same course in an approved institution and they are allowed to complete the course and get their completion certificates. This process must be completed by the respondents during the academic year 2021-2022."</p> <p>In continuation of discussions held in 29th STCW Compliance Board held on 24.05.2024, following decision is approved by STCW Compliance board as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The above recommendations made by chief examiners are accepted.</li> <li>2. Letter to all the candidates of unauthorized batches shall be issued as per the recommendation of the chief examiners.</li> </ol>
13	Update on examination reforms.	<p>The following is approved by STCW Compliance Board.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A letter to the Secretary, Ministry of PSW indicating the status may be issued and obtained approval.</li> <li>2. The final inputs from NTA may be submitted to the STCW Compliance Board.</li> </ol>
14	Presentation by POs for annual calendar for CIPs for MTI.	<p>The following is approved by STCW Compliance Board.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All jurisdictional POs shall prepare the calendar for conducting CIP inspections and present to the next STCW Compliance Board meeting.</li> <li>2. SCN to be issued to the MTIs not comply with the CIP guidelines of DGS.</li> </ol>
15	Comprehensive list of legal matters/ cases in Training Division with present status thereof.	It has been decided that the Presentation should be made jurisdictional POs wise.
16	Presentation on pendency of online In-principle approval and course approval of MTIs.	It was observed from the list that the in-principle application no. 100173 applied by M/s. Kathoke Charitable Trust, Dombivli is pending for 284 days. PO, MMD, Mumbai informed that no response from the applicant has been received so it was decided by STCW Compliance Board to reject the said application.
17	Presentation on lapse of approval of course of the MTI.	<p>The following is approved by STCW Compliance Board.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To notify the lapsed courses to the institute by email and if no response is received, the matter shall be taken in the next STCW Compliance Board for decision thereof.</li> </ol>
18	<p>In accordance with Training Circular No. 11 of 2024 the permission granted for uploading backdated batch details to the MTIs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IMU-Kolkata Campus for B.Tech (ME) course for the batches of 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.</li> <li>2. PSN College of Engineering and Technology B.Tech (ME) course for the batch December, 2023.</li> <li>3. BP Marine for GME course for the batch April, 2024.</li> </ol>	The ex-post facto permission has been granted by the STCW Compliance Board.
19	RM Maritime Academy, Belapur request for correction of date of debarring the Director/Trustees.	RM Maritime Academy, Belapur was derecognized w.e.f. 30.03.2020 and the Directors/trustees were debarred for the five years w.e.f. 30.03.2020 upto 29.03.2025. The Director requested for change of date of debarring from 30.03.2020 to 20.06.2019 i.e. from the dated of issuance of SCN. The matter was examined taking into consideration the inputs from Engg. Branch and DDG (MSL) and the request was rejected vide letter dated 15.05.2024. The ex-post facto permission has been granted by the STCW Compliance Board.
20	Other matters discussed and decisions taken	i) DDG (Trg.) shall discuss with CS, CSS and NA (I/C) on training support unit for hiring 02 consulting resources for training manual and 02 surveyors from ROs for 24 months extendable, if necessary and DDG (Trg.) should revert back with concrete proposal.