

31st STCW Compliance Board Meeting to be held on 27.06.2024

Sr. No.	Agenda	Decision Taken
1	Revalidation of Master and Mates MMD wise data presentation.	<p>As per discussion the decisions taken is as under;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommendations of the jurisdictional POs have been accepted by STCW Compliance board except in the case of Pondicherry Maritime Academy and HIMT, Visakhapatnam. 2. The MTIs Pondicherry Maritime Academy and HIMT, Visakhapatnam are not eligible for approval of this course hence STCW Compliance board has approved for withdrawl of the approval granted to them for these courses.
2	In-principle approval applied vide application no. 100194 by Bernhard Schulte Ship Management, Ernakulam.	After discussions, the decision of rejection of application no. 100194 by Bernhard Schulte Ship Management, Ernakulam as recommended by PO, MMD, Kochi is approved by STCW Compliance board.
3	In-principle approval applied vide application no. 100208 by Five Star Maritime Foundation, Belapur, Navi Mumbai.	<p>After discussions, the decision of approval of application no. 100208 by Five Star Maritime Foundation, Belapur, Navi Mumbai is approved post ex-facto by STCW Compliance board as recommended by PO, MMD, Mumbai for following courses :-</p> <p>a) In-principal approval for the following courses may be accorded.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Basic Safety Training (FPFF, PST, EFA, PSSR) 2.STSDSD 3.Refreshers in FPFF 4.Refreshers in PST 5.Crowd Management, Passenger Safety & Safety Training

4	<p>Course approval applied vide application no. 100657 by M/s. Commander Ali`s Academy of Merchant Navy, Hyderabad.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Advanced Training in Fire Fighting 24 x 36 2) Refresher Training for Advanced Training in Fire Fighting 24 x 36 3) Proficiency In Survival Craft and Rescue Boats 24 x 36 4) Refresher Training For Proficiency In PSCRB 24 x 36 5) Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations 24 x 36 	<p>The following course is approved by STCW Compliance Board based on Recommendation of PO, MMD, Chennai. Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations 24 x 36</p> <p>The following courses are not approved by STCW Compliance Board based on Recommendation of PO, MMD, Chennai since MTI has not complied with observations made by inspection team of PO, MMD Chennai durinh inspection held on 08.12.2023 and 09.12.2023.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Advanced Training in Fire Fighting 24 x 36 2) Refresher Training for Advanced Training in Fire Fighting 24 x 36 3) Proficiency In Survival Craft and Rescue Boats 24 x 36 4) Refresher Training For Proficiency in PSCRB 24 x 36
5	<p>Presentation on pendency of online In-principle approval and course approval of MTIs.</p>	<p>DDG[Training] gave presentation on the pending In-principle approvals and on the pending course approvals. He informed that time limit of 60 days has been fixed for process of course approvals.</p>
6	<p>Presentation by POs for annual calendar for CIPs for MTI.</p>	<p>In the 31st STCW Compliance Board Meeting, PO MMD Kolkata presented the annual CIP Calender. He requested clarification on the DGS guidelines about the validity of CIP grading, period of inspection on the basis of the Grade of the MTI, and CIP inspections of MTIs conducting pre-sea, post-sea and modular courses. It has been decided that PO, MMD, Kolkata shall submit his queries and suggestions, feedback to DG Shipping, which will be examined accordingly.</p>

7	<p>Matter of Yak Management and Marine Education Centre request for online correction of batch frequency of Basic Training in Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations Courses from 48 to 96.</p>	<p>Officials of MMD, Mumbai informd STCW Compliance Board that MTI submitted the final compliance report on 18.03.2024 and all deficiencies found dealt with. Comprehensive Inspection of the Institute with regard to approved intake capacity, availability of faculties against approved courses and other infrastructure as per the issued guidelines by the Directorate verified and found now in order and recommended that M/s. Yak Management and Marine Education center (203016), 301, Gauri Complex Sector- 11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai, 400 614, Maharashtra may be allowed to continue with the current approved batch and intake capacity. However, Chief Examiner has opined that as initial compliance has taken 13 months to comply, the enhancement of batch frequency or strength should be withheld for the period of 01 year as a penal action.</p> <p>Accordingly, the Principal Officer, MMD, Mumbai recommended that MTI to submit a fresh application online for enhancement of batches/courses as it took more than 12 months for closure of previous deficiencies. After discussions, the following is approved by STCW Compliance Board based on recommendation of PO, MMD Mumbai.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The institute request for enhancement of batches is rejected. as, the institute has taken 13 months time for close the earlier deficiencies. 2. No further enhancement of courses shall be considered for further period of 01 year. 3. A SCN for non-compliance of the deficiencies for 13 months shall be issued to the MTI based on inputs from jurisdictional MMD. <p>Accordingly, the SCN was issued to the MTI on 08.05.2024 and MTI submitted their reply 17.05.2024 and the same was forwarded to the PO, MMD, Mumbai for examination</p>
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8	Issues related to swimming pool tie-up w.r.t. Hoon Maritime Institute, Kolkata.	<p>In the 31st STCW Compliance Board Meeting held on 27.06.2024, PO, MMD, Kolkata clarified that candidates can not be allowed to jump in the MTI's present waterbody for BST course and hence has recommended for discontinuation /suspension of the BST and refresher PST courses, till the MTI make alternate arrangement as tie up for the swimming pool. He further stated that he has no objection for PSCRB and refresher PSCRB courses in the said waterbody. Chief examiner(nautical) agreed with PO's recommendation subject to fulfilling the requirement for PSCRB course. PO Kolkata further informed the STCW Compliance Board that inspection was conducted for swimming pool aspects and no comprehensive inspection was done.</p> <p>PO, MMD, Kolkata's recommendation for discontinuation /suspension of the BST and refresher PST courses, till the MTI makes alternate arrangement as tie up for the swimming pool, is approved by the STCW Compliance Board .</p>
9	Matter of Sea Scan Maritime Foundation, Goa.	<p>PO, MMD, Mumbai submitted that Sea Scan Maritime Foundation, Goa has submitted the compliance of the deficiencies on 24.06.2024 and MMD proposed to conduct inspection during next week to verify the compliance. The report will be forwarded with recommendations to DGS on completion of the inspection.</p> <p>It has been decided by the STCW Compliance Board that the decision shall be taken after the finding during the inspection of the MTI .</p>
10	NIMHANS survey and study completion and engagement – time lines/ cost and present status.	<p>Dr. P.K. Raut submitted the updates. He informed that the responses/feedback received to the questionnaire will be reviewed. Findings shall be put before the STCW Compliance Board in the subsequent meeting.</p>

11	Update on examination reforms.	The matter was placed before the 31st meeting of STCW Compliance Board for updates. Shri Ravi Sikarwar submitted the updates. He informed that letter was issued to the Ministry. Meeting with the Secretary, MoPSW was held and the minutes of the same has been received. NTA to confirmed by 15th July,2024 on the financial implications. They have visited the exam centre at Noida and planning to visit the other examination centres.
12	Confirmation on publication of results at every STCW compliance board.	Confirmed by both wings of DG Shipping
13	Proposal to make mandatory training on English Communication & Soft Skill for Faculty & Instructors of DG approved MTIs.	The following decision is approved by STCW Compliance Board :- CEO, MTT shall submit the draft circular to the Training Branch for circulation to all STCW Compliance Board members.
14	Discussion on Centralized Attendance System (CAS).	The following decision is approved by the STCW Compliance Board :- CEO, MTT informed the STCW Compliance Board that there are 7 MTIs which are not complied with the CAS. Time limit of one month has been granted to them for compliance.
15	Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof.	Miss. Rehana Dhawade, Legal Consultant (Trg) submitted the updates. She informed that no new cases have been received.

16	Matter of Trident Institute of Maritime Studies, Navi Mumbai [MTI No.204066]	<p>As approved by the STCW Compliance Board , the Order dated 2.4.2024 regarding temporary suspension of BST, STSDSD, OCOTO, RT-PST & FFFF was issued with the instructions that no courses to be conducted till such time all deficiencies are ratified. The User ID of the MTI was blocked.</p> <p>Further, Show Cause Notice dated 30.04.2024 was issued to M/s. Trident Institute of Maritime Studies, Navi Mumbai for submitting Falsified Statement. MTI submitted reply to SCN on 05.05.2024 requesting for another inspection to demonstrate compliance. The same was forwarded to MMD Mumbai for verification. MTI submitted hard copy of the compliance alongwith Pendrive which was also forwarded to MMD Mumbai on 16.05.2024.</p> <p>Vide letter dated 13.06.2024, MMD Mumbai stated that Compliance report was scrutinised by MMD Mumbai and found that MTI did not rectify several observations as given below :</p> <p>(i) MTI does not have its own FFFF practical training facilities. The lease agreement for the existing owned facility has expired and MTI does not have any intention to renew same. MTI had shown Tie-up with another institute but it was not used.</p> <p>(ii) The MTI is required to have dedicated computers with fixed cameras only as per DGS training circular 11 of 2022. MTI has portable laptops only. The exit exam room is not dedicated.</p> <p>(iii) The MTI still has not imparted practical training to all candidates who have undertaken the OCTCO Course.</p> <p>(iv) The MTI requested to withdraw the OCOTO Course approval. The DGS may withdraw the approval of the same.</p> <p>(v) A number of inconsistencies are still yet to be complied with.</p> <p>(vi) The MTI is still not aware of the DGS guidelines for</p>
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<p>17</p>	<p>The revival of 2 courses [BST & Refresher PST] is pending due to compliance of 2 deficiencies. The MTI submitted compliance for the pending deficiencies to MMD, Mumbai with copy to DGS viz. swimming pool and completion of AECS course by their faculties. An email was issued to PO MMD Mumbai on 30.05.2024 for conduct of inspection for verification of the compliance.</p> <p>The MMD has submitted their report vide letter dated 21.06.2024 wherein PO, MMD, Mumbai has recommended that the institute has rectified the deficiencies and same verified and found in order. Hence, the approval for BST course and Ref. PST Course may be revived with the same capacity and frequency.</p> <p>Accordingly, the matter is put before the STCW Compliance Board meeting for revival of the following courses;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic STCW Safety Training 20 x 96 2. Refresher Training for Proficiency in Personal Survival Technique 16 x 72 <p>The following decision is approved by STCW Compliance Board :-As per discussion the decisions taken is as under;</p> <p>Recommendation of the PO, MMD, Mumbai is accepted.</p>	<p>The revival of 2 courses [BST & Refresher PST] is pending due to compliance of 2 deficiencies. The MTI submitted compliance for these pending deficiencies to MMD, Mumbai with copy to DGS viz. swimming pool and completion of AECS course by their faculties. An email was issued to PO MMD Mumbai on 30.05.2024 for conduct of inspection for verification of the compliance. The MMD has submitted their report vide letter dated 21.06.2024 wherein PO, MMD, Mumbai has recommended that the institute has rectified the deficiencies and same verified and found in order. Hence, the approval for BST course and Ref. PST Course may be revived with the same capacity and frequency.</p> <p>Accordingly, the courses; 1. Basic STCW Safety Training 20 students x 96 batches and 2. Refresher Training for Proficiency in Personal Survival Technique 16 students x 72 batches is approved by STCW Compliance Board based on the recommendation of the PO, MMD, Mumbai.</p>
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18	In-principle approval applied vide application no. 100164 by GURUKRIPA MARINE ACADEMY FOUNDATION, Raigad.	<p>The online application and supporting documents were scrutinized by the surveyor of MMD Mumbai. There were 16 observations by the surveyor in accordance with the DGS guidelines. The institute was informed to submit clarifications vide email dated 18th April 2024 with an instructions to submit reply by 25th April 2024. Copy of correspondences with the institute was also marked to Training Branch for information. But institute did not submit the reply and requested for additional time twice. The requests made by the institute on both the occasions was accepted and time was given to submit compliance report latest by 10th May 2024. But the institute did not submit any reply even after one months beyond the given deadline. Hence it appears that the institute is not ready to start the institute based on the lack of response. Therefore, the PO, MMD, Mumbai recommended that the application may be rejected with an instruction that institute may apply again with fee only when they are fully ready. The recommendation of the PO, MMD, Mumbai is approved by STCW Compliance Board.</p>
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19	<p>Ex-post Facto Approvals of the STCW Compliance Board for course approvals of (1) Maharashtra Academy of Naval Education & Training [Application No.100697], (2) Maharashtra Academy of Naval Education & Training [Application No.100705] & (3) MTI-SCI [Application No.100707]</p>	<p>1. Maharashtra Academy of Naval Education & Training [Application No.100697]:</p> <p>The MTI has applied for approval of Diploma In Nautical Science with intake capacity of 40 candidates and batch frequency of 1 batch.</p> <p>The MTI MANET, Pune affiliated to MIT-ADT University Pune, was inspected on 05.04.2024 in accordance with requirements of DGS guidelines for granting approval towards commencement of DNS course. The PO, MMD, Mumbai has recommended that the institute MANET be granted approval to conduct the DNS course with 40 candidates per batch and one batch per year.The recommendation of the PO, MMD, Mumbai is approved by STCW Compliance Board.</p> <p>2. Maharashtra Academy of Naval Education & Training [Application No.100705]:</p> <p>The MTI has applied for approval of Electro Technical Officers with intake capacity of 40 candidates and batch frequency of 2 batches.</p> <p>The MTI was inspected on 05.04.2024 in accordance with requirements of DGS guidelines for granting approval towards commencement of ETO course. The PO, MMD, Mumbai has recommended based on the recommendation of inspection team that the institute MANET be granted approval to conduct the ETO course with 40 candidates per batch x 2 batches/year.The recommendation of the PO, MMD, Mumbai is approved by STCW Compliance Board.</p>
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20	Matter of M/s. Sri Nandhanam College, Tirupattur	PO MMD Chennai stated that the said MTI keeps on giving the representations. He recommended to have a separate meeting in the matter. PO, MMD, Chennai's recommendation for separate meeting is approved by STCW Compliance Board.
21	Additional Agenda:- Course approval application no. 100518 applied by Kamaxi Maritime Academy, Goa.	<p>SIC, MMD, Goa has observed the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) All land-related documents are not clear and appear to be beyond the understanding of the inspection team. (ii) Decision to be taken by STCW compliance board on the swimming pool and space of classroom. (iii) The course in charge has not done AECS course. <p>Therefore, cannot be considered as per DGS guidelines.</p> <p>Accordingly, it was decided with the approval of STCW Compliance board that the draft interim letter to MTI for rejection of course approval would be prepared in consultation with the Jurisdictional MMD Surveyor and PO, MMD, Mumbai wherein the MTI would be given an opportunity to submit any suitable representation thereof within 03 weeks failing which, the final order will be issued after consultation with the STCW Compliance Board. Accordingly, a letter for rejection was issued to the trust on 16.04.2024 with a request the submit the presentation if any within 03 weeks from issuance of the said letter. Accordingly, the trust has submitted their representation dated 03.05.2024 which was received this Directorate on 06.05.2024 and the same was forwarded to the PO, MMD, Mumbai vide letter dated 22.05.2024 for examining and furnishing the comments/inputs thereof. As directed, the said matter was taken as additional agenda in the 30th STCW Compliance Board meeting. Representative of PO, MMD gave presentation on the submission made by the trust on the rejection of their course application.</p>

		<p>Legal Consultant (Trg. Branch) also gave legal opinion on the land documents and opined that the original tripartite agreement is between Goa Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC), Pai Fondekar Charitable Trust, and Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Pai Fondekar Investments Pvt Limited has sub-leased a constructed area of 816.75 sq.m to the Pai Fondekar Charitable Trust. This sublease is problematic because the tripartite agreement explicitly does not permit subleasing of the property. She further stated that the deed of the charitable trust states its object as "spread of education," whereas the tripartite agreement specifies the purpose of the land as "setting up a training center for skill development of youth and industrial purpose." This discrepancy raises questions about how the trust plans to undertake training activities that differ from the spread of education. The agreement prohibits any excavation or construction except for specific structures like a compound wall and steps. However, the institute has excavated and constructed a swimming pool and firewalls without permission. She also observed that the title of the MTI property, including NOCs, permissions, sublease, approvals, and other documents, is unclear and beyond understanding. The constructed swimming pool measures 49 x 29 feet, which does not meet the required 50 x 30 feet dimensions. The classroom is only around 30 sq. meters, instead of the required 36 sq. meters for 24 students. There are only three classrooms available for basic courses, with no dedicated rooms for PST, FFFF, EFA, or PSSR. None of the course in-charges have completed the AECS course.</p> <p>Shri Manoj Pandey, Principle of Kamaxi Maritime Academy was permitted to present his case before the STCW Compliance Board.</p> <p>As per discussions, the decision approved by STCW</p>
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		<p>Compliance board is as under;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All the points raised by PO, MMD, Mumbai and Legal Consultant will 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 deliberation and decision. PO MMD Mumbai further informed that there is no change in the status since last meeting. The compliance of 5 observations are pending and there is no response from the institute. A meeting has been scheduled on 28.06.2024 and the outcome of the meeting will be sent to the Directorate, for further necessary orders in the matter.
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