

32nd STCW Compliance Board Meeting to be held on 11.07.2024

Sr.No.	Agenda	Decision Taken
1	<p>Course approval application no. 100518 applied by Kamaxi Maritime Academy, Goa.</p>	<p>M/s. Kamaxi Maritime Academy, Goa vide application No. 100518 dated 9th Nov 2022 had applied for Modular 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 FFFF (Course ID 6122): 24 candidates per batch, 48 batches yearly <p>Shri Sudhir Kumar Shrivastava, SIC, MMD, Goa mentioned the specific deficiencies observed regarding discrepancies in the deed of the charitable trust under the Indian Trust Act 1884 vis-a-vis the tripartite agreement between Goa Industrial Development, Pai Fondekar charitable trust and Goa Chamber of Commerce, the ambiguous title of the MTI property and dimension of the constructed swimming pool and other infrastructural issues. In view of the above, based on the recommendations of the SIC, MMD, Goa, following was approved by STCW Compliance Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The draft interim letter to MTI for rejection of course approval to be issued to MTI & MTI to 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. <p>Accordingly, a letter for rejection was issued to the trust on 16.04.2024. The trust has submitted their representation dated 03.05.2024 which was received this Directorate on</p>

		<p>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. The said matter was taken as additional agenda in the 30th STCW Compliance Board meeting. Matter was again put before STCW Compliance Board in its 31st meeting held on 27.06.2024 and 32nd Meeting held on 11.07.2024. MMD Mumbai submitted the details about the pending deficiencies and informed that MTI has not submitted the compliance report as on date but will be submitted by the end of this month. The same is approved by STCW Compliance Board.</p>
2	<p>Matter of Sea Scan Maritime Foundation, Goa.</p>	<p>Representative of MMD, Goa has recommended that given the serious nature of major deficiencies of Sea Scan Maritime Foundation, Goa to suspend all new intake for all the courses till such time all the major deficiencies are rectified.</p> <p>Accordingly, following has been approved by STCW Compliance Board:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Immediate SCN to be issued to the MTI for withdrawal of course approval. However, the MTI to be given 01 (One) week time to submit any suitable representation for compliances/rectifications and if no representation is received, then final order for permanent withdrawal shall be issued in consultation with the STCW Compliance Board. 2. The Training Branch shall check the intake capacity of the MTI for GP Rating course and inform to the MMD, Mumbai. 3. Existing student should not be adversely impacted and no fresh approval should be granted to the MTI. 4. The shortcomings of the faculty should be rectified immediately. 5. The PO, MMD, Mumbai shall examine the matter of the candidates who have taken admission for GP and CCMC course in the said MTI and discuss with the BEST and submit the report/comments to the STCW Compliance Board for taking further suitable decision. <p>Accordingly, the SCN to MTI was issued and MTI submitted their reply which was forwarded to the PO, MMD, Mumbai for examination. MTI in their representation stated</p>

		<p>that 193 candidates have taken admission into MTI for the GP & CCMC courses commencing w.e.f 1st July, 2024 and whose INDoS nos. and other admission formalities have already been done. These admissions were done prior to the DGS temporary suspension to MTI dated 10/04/2024 and requested revoke the temporary suspension of their MTI and grant the permission for resumption of approved courses. This was forwarded to PO, MMD, Mumbai for examination.</p> <p>The matter was placed before the STCW Compliance Board in its 32nd meeting held on 27.06.2024. PO, MMD, Mumbai submitted that IMS 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>PO, MMD, Mumbai informed that inspection was conducted only on 10.07.2024. Therefore, it was decided that decision in the matter shall be taken after the findings during the inspection of the MTI and to be put in next STCW Compliance Board.</p>
3	Updation of Citizen Charter for Training Branch, on DGS Website.	The draft citizen charter was placed before the STCW Compliance Board in its 32 nd Meeting held on 11.07.2024. To the query of Shri Vikrant Rai, PO, Kolkata, it was clarified by DDG[Trg] that the timeline will start only after the receipt of the complete proposal. It has been decided by the STCW Compliance Board to place the detailed proposal with disclaimer clause and internal timelines in the next STCW Compliance Board meeting.
4	Representation by Sailors' Union of India (SUI), Mumbai requesting to review Training Circular 18 of 2020.	<p>Based on the discussion, following decisions is approved by STCW Compliance board;</p> <p>(1) A letter to be issued to the Sailors Union of India asking to submit the facts and evidences for the statements made in their representation. Based on the reply, further course of action would be decided.</p>
5	Automatic Lapse of approval of course of the MTI.	<p>Based on the discussion, following decisions is approved by STCW Compliance board;</p> <p>(1) The request for reconsidering the automatically lapsed approvals by all 26 Institutes is rejected. It has been decided to communicate all such MTIs to apply afresh for the lapsed course approvals which will be processed as per the procedure for approval of new course.</p>

6	Email dated 23.06.2023 from Prof. S. Surendran, KMSME, CUSAT, retired from IIT, Madras – request for exemption from VICTE.	Based on the discussion, following decisions is approved by STCW Compliance board; (1) Exemption is granted to Prof. S. Surendran, KMSME, CUSAT from undergoing VICTE based on the recommendations of chief examiner.
7	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 competent authority had directed concerned 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>During the inspection, other serious deficiencies were observed and accordingly, PO MMD 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. (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. (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>The above recommendation of the PO MMD Mumbai was approved in the 30th STCW Compliance Board meeting and the necessary changes for PSCRB, Refresher of PSCRB, GP Rating and DNS courses have been made in the MTI profile of E-Gov. portal on 05.07.2024. Based on representation of the MTI, it has been approved to issue Show Cause Notice to the MTI on the principle of natural justice.</p>
8	Presentation on pendency of online in-principle approval and course approval of MTIs.	Based on the discussion, following decisions is approved by STCW Compliance board; All jurisdictional PO/MMDs have been requested to monitor the pendency for course approval and in principle approval and ensure that the same is disposed of within the timelines laid down.

9	Long pending applications in the MTI Module.	Based on the discussion, following decisions is approved by STCW Compliance board; (1) Those long pending online applications in the MTI module where no fees has been paid shall be rejected. (2) Those pending applications where payment is done, timeline of 90 days to be adhered to and those applications pending beyond this timeline due to non-response from the applicants shall be rejected. Further, before purging the applications wherein fees has been paid, email of training branch would be checked if there is correspondence from MTI to DGS & then only such applications would be purged. Compliance report would be placed in next STCW Compliance board meeting.
10	Update on examination reforms.	During 32 nd Meeting of STCW Compliance Board held on 11.07.2024, Shri Ravi Sikarwar submitted the updates. He informed that DG visited the CDAC office at Chennai. DG has written a D.O. letter to MoPSW. The proposal from CDAC is awaited
11	Confirmation on publication of results at every STCW compliance board.	Based on the discussion, following decisions is approved by STCW Compliance board; (1) It was informed that the results are published by end of every month. (2) It was further decided that this agenda to be taken for confirmation of publication of results not in every meeting but shall be taken in the meeting scheduled on every 4th Thursday of the respective month.
12	Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof.	Miss. Rehana Dhawade, Legal Consultant (Trg) submitted the updates on ongoing and the new petitions received in the Training Branch.
13	Ex-post Facto Approvals of the STCW Compliance Board for AMET City College, Chennai [Application No. 100717].	MTI AMET City College, Chennai has applied for approval for following courses;- 1. Chief Mate –I : 40 candidates per batch with 4 batches in year. Application no. 100714 2. Chief Mate-II : 40 candidates per batch with 4 batches in year Application no. 100715 3. MEO Class I : 30 candidates per batch with 6 batches in year Application no. 100716 4. MEO Class II : 40 candidates per batch with 3 batches in year Application no. 100717

		<p>5. Basic Training for Ships using Fuels covered within IGF code : 24 candidates per batch with 24 batches in year Application no. 100709</p> <p>6. RUT for Engineers: 24 candidates per batch with 24 batches in year Application no. 100710</p> <p>Following course applications are for Increased in intake :</p> <p>7. BTOC : 24 candidates per batch with 30 batches in year [approval is for 20X12] Application no. 100711</p> <p>8. BTLG : 24 candidates per batch with 30 batches in year [approval is for 20X12] Application no. 100712</p> <p>It is recommended the Directorate to consider the proposal of the inspection team of the MMD as the MTI has complied with all noted observations during inspection dated 10/06/2024 and the MTI was Graded as A1 in CIP inspection valid till 02.02.2026.</p> <p>PO, MMD, Chennai's recommendations are approved by STCW Compliance board.</p>
14	Issue related to Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime, Sriperumbudur (MTI No. 402008)	<p>The show cause notice was issued to the MTI dated on 21.05.2024. The reply received from MTI was forwarded to MMD Chennai for examination and recommendations. Accordingly, MMD Chennai vide email dated 26.06.2024 submitted comments. Both the above matters are put before the STCW Compliance Board in its 32nd meeting held on 11.07.2024, for deliberation and decision.</p> <p>It has been informed that the institute has admitted July 2024 batch. Complaints were also received from the candidates.</p> <p>Based on the discussion, following decisions is approved by STCW Compliance board; (1) The letter received from PO,MMD would be processed on file.</p>
15	Issues related to swimming pool tie-up w.r.t. Hoon Maritime Institute, Kolkata	<p>The MTI vide email dated 09.07.2024 has forwarded their representation alongwith with tie-up letter for swimming pool. The same has been forwarded to MMD, Kolkata for examination and comments thereof.</p>

		<p>The matter was placed before the STCW Compliance Board in its 32nd Meeting held on 11.07.2024 for discussion. The tie up arrangement for swimming pool submitted by the MTI was examined and MMD Kolkata informed that M/s. Sensea himself requires 384 days for their own candidates, plus they have tie up with M/s. MAI which requires 2 days. M/s. Hoon Maritime Institute requires 168 days for their training. Further he observed that no Memorandum of Agreement between two institutes for use of swimming pool has been signed. Accordingly, PO, MMD, Kolkata recommended for the following :</p> <p>The approval will be considered subject to :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submission of Memorandum of Understanding [MoU] signed by both the MTIs. 2. Submission of Pool utilization chart with the batch details for all the MTIs utilizing the swimming pool, for the approved number of batches for at least next one year. 3. The full video recording of the Practical training with embedded date is to be carried out and records to be maintained by both the MTIs independently <p>PO, MMD, Kolkata's recommendations are approved by STCW Compliance board.</p>
16	Additional Agenda : Swimming Pool tie ups	<p>The proposal of in principle approval of Adakshi Maritime Institute has been approved as per the recommendations of the PO, MMD, Mumbai with 18 months deadline for building of swimming pool. However, the detailed discussion on the Training Circular No.7 of 2018 shall be held during the next STCW Compliance board meeting.</p>