

**37<sup>th</sup> STCW Compliance Board Meeting held on 26.09.2024**

<b>Sr .No.</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Decision Taken</b>
1.	Strategy for increasing the share of Indian Seafarers from 12% to 20% Globally	<p><b>Decision:</b> Member Secretary, STCW Compliance board gave presentation on the Strategic Documentation.</p>
2.	Indian Merchant Navy Entrance Test	<p>Key features of the said proposed entrance exam are, single examination, conduct by independent and impartial agency, online application, enrolment, hall tickets and results, online joint sea selection and allotment mechanism with multiple rounds, all universities/IMU affiliated institutes/DGS approved institutes to enroll and participate, complete transparent/ professional/ benchmarked process and pre-enrolment Psychological Test.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> The Concept Note in the matter has been submitted to VC, IMU. DDG level meeting is being conducted with mutually agreed date and time.</p>
3.	Merchant Navy – An Ideal Career Option	<p>Capt. Bhasin from CMMI gave Presentation on Rajdhani Republic Day Camp. He briefed about the history of the event. He stated that candidates for parade to be shortlisted from selected instate as per criteria, trained city wise in one of the institute and the combined training will be at Delhi. He proposed 75% boys and 25% girls in the team. He recommended a team of 130, including 120 cadets and 10 support officials. Stay at Delhi will be around 12<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January. He informed that zonal selection of cadets shall completed by 31.10.2024, completion of centralized selection shall be by 30.11.2024. Band for the contingent to be hired. Suitable lodging at Delhi to be identified. The proposed budget for the event shall be around 82 Lakhs.</p> <p>Capt. Bhasin stated that MoPSW approval first to be obtained. Capt. Azad informed that they did the parade during the republic day at Chennai, Tamil Nadu. He suggested that first selection process to be started and need not wait for MoPSW's approval since time is short. Ministry's approval will take time.</p>

		<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DDG [Trg] to coordinate with MTT for budget- availability of funds.</li> <li>2. DDG [Trg] to prepare Action Plan. Event Management tender also to be considered.</li> <li>3. Convert the concept note by Shri Bisen into initial action plan.</li> </ol>
4.	STCW Compliance Board	Dr. Sudhir Kohakade informed that minutes upto 24 <sup>th</sup> meeting has been prepared and is being displayed on DGS Website. The minutes upto 30 <sup>th</sup> meeting will be uploaded by next week.
5.	Revamping of Training Manual	<p>Last date for receipt of comments is 15.10.2024.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Relevant Training Circulars/orders to be mapped to the Training Manual</li> </ol>
6.	Revamped Maritime Training Institute Module on E-Governance Platform	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>DDG [Trg] informed that they are in 3<sup>rd</sup> stage, FRS has been developed, flow diagrams have been discussed twice, few observations have been conveyed to ARI. After this, ARI will be requested for techno commercial. Negotiation will be made after techno commercial and after approval, work order will be issued and at the time of development, we will be discussing with internally with all officers as well as externally with MTIs.</p>
7.	Training Charter of Service	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>DDG [Trg] informed that this has already been published on DGS Website.</p>
8.	Faculty Development Program	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>DDG [Trg] informed that this needs to be discussed with few institutes and few faculties to prepare strategic document of concept papers. He requested for some time and requested to defer this agenda to next meeting. It has been approved by the Board.</p>
9.	Learning Management System	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>DDG [Trg] informed that this needs to be discussed with few institutes and</p>

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10.	Maritime Training Institute Infrastructure Standardization / Categorization	<b>Decision:</b> DDG [Trg] to give Updates and presentation in the next STCW Compliance Board meeting
11.	<i>Sagar Mey Yog</i> ” - Wellness Module as a structured ‘Life Skill’ for each mariner	<b>Decision:</b> Due to non-availability of Capt. Daniel Joseph, the same is deferred to next STCW Compliance board Meeting.
12.	Sagar Mey Samman” Module	<b>Decision:</b> Due to non-availability of Capt. Daniel Joseph, the same is deferred to next STCW Compliance board Meeting.
13.	Web Based Simulation	<b>Decision:</b> DDG, Training informed that Tier 1 visited one MTI to understand what simulator is. He further informed that two years back, proposal on web based simulation for the use of examination was submitted and requested ARI to submit proposal which is still awaited.
14.	Artificial Intelligence & Virtual Reality/ Immersive Technologies in Training	<b>Decision:</b> DDG[Trg] to present this as a recurring agenda item in the STCW Compliance Board meeting.
15.	Safety First Culture National Maritime Games	<b>Decision:</b> Due to non-availability of Capt. Harinder Singh, the same is deferred to next STCW Compliance board Meeting.
16.	<b>Rajdhani Republic Day Camp:</b>	<b>This agenda be merged with Agenda No.3.</b>
17.	National Maritime Games	<b>Decision:</b> DDG Training has informed that he has discussed the matter with Shri Sanjeev Mehta, member of NMDC. He proposed to visit Ministry of sports. Concept Note /Strategic Paper shall be prepare on inputs from synergy group and NMDC and submitted before the STCW Compliance Board in next meeting.

18.	Maritime Domain- Growth and Transition Module	<b>Decision:</b> A module is being developed which is going to take two to three months to be developed .
19.	Maritime Training Conclave- Annual	<b>Decision:</b> Concept Note on the matter shall be done by DDG [Trg]
20.	I.M.O Strategic Engagement- ‘Catch them young	<b>Decision:</b> The matter deferred to next meeting.
21.	Skill Development & Infrastructure Development Support Schemes – Central Sector/ State Sector/ Private Quality improvement funding platforms	<b>Decision:</b> The matter deferred to next meeting.
22.	Examination reforms	<b>Decision:</b> Shri Pranav from Tier 1PMC gave presentation
23.	Dynamic Batch Sizing	<b>Decision:</b> The suggestions made by POs will be analyzed.
24.	Placement Portal – R.P.S.L Module revamp- addressing Malpractices	Due to non-availability of Capt. Daniel Joseph, the same is deferred to next STCW Compliance board Meeting.
25.	Comprehensive Grievance Redressal Module + Crisis Management Module	<b>Decision:</b> As decided in 36 <sup>th</sup> STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 12.09.2024, this agenda will be regularly followed up in the MLC compliance Board henceforth. Therefore, removed from STCW Compliance Board meeting.
26.	<b>“Seafarer’s Rights” – Sustained:</b>	<b>Decision:</b> As decided in 36 <sup>th</sup> STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 12.09.2024, this agenda will be regularly followed up in the MLC compliance Board henceforth. Therefore, removed from STCW Compliance Board meeting.

27.	<b>Sea Farer's Welfare Measures:</b>	<b>Decision:</b> As decided in 36 <sup>th</sup> STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 12.09.2024, this agenda will be regularly followed up in the MLC compliance Board henceforth. Therefore, removed from STCW Compliance Board meeting.
28.	Comprehensive Review of STCW Convention and Codes	<b>Decision:</b> Total 49 papers have been totally uploaded by all the members that is 176 member states. Subsequently, it will be discussed in the session scheduled from 7 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> October, 2024. The proposal to the Ministry has already been submitted and approval is awaited.
29.	SACE- SMarT [ South Asia Centre for Excellence for Sustainable Maritime Transport] – India's green shipping revolution	<b>Decision:</b> DGS officials visited SCI premises and interacted with the legal team of the SCI and they discussed about the possibility of legal process for the implementation of the same.
30.	Presentation on pendency of online in-principle approval and course approval of MTIs	<b>Decision:</b> DDG [Trg] presented the pending applications before the board.
31.	Confirmation of publication of results at every STCW compliance Board meeting	<b>Decision:</b> All results of nautical & Engineering side declared on time.
32.	Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof	<b>Decision:</b> Legal Consultant (Trg) presented the ongoing legal She also presented the compilation of the judgements as a ready reckoner for references. She was also informed about the Judgement of Kerala High Court regarding non-DGSD approved courses.
33.	Matter of Mangalore Marine College and Technology, Mangalore	<b>Decision:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Management of the institute should bear the cost of trainee.</li> <li>2. No additional approvals will be granted.</li> <li>3. A show cause notice / letter shall be issued to the management of the MTI to respond within one week on serious observations / deficiencies noted by the inspection team with a detailed action plan. After receipt of</li> </ol>

		<p>reply from the MTI to be placed before the STCW Compliance Board for deliberations and further course of action.</p> <p>4. Policy decision to be taken on the Trust/Company i.e. same management running more than one institutes in different cities having different standards of training. Inputs from POs and legal consultants may be obtained and a draft circular may be prepared and submitted before the STCW Compliance Board for deliberation and approval.</p>
34.	Matter of M/s. Southern Academy of Maritime Studies, Chennai (MTI No. 402016)	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>The MMD, Chennai vide email dated 12.09.2024 has forwarded complaint received from Mr. Fion Hirenkumar Tandel, a DNS candidate against Southern Academy of Maritime Studies, Chennai. The candidate has raised concerns about the lack of basic amenities provided by the institute and has also highlighted difficulties in obtaining a refund after deciding to cancel his admission. The candidate claims that the institute said the refund cannot be processed as they have already paid the fees to the Indian Maritime University (IMU).</p> <p>In view the judgement dated 14.08.2024 of Hon'ble Madras High Court and facts of the case, the PO, MMD, Chennai has proposed to carry out the inspection with prior intimation to the MTI within two week's time to review the status of pending deficiencies and carry out a comprehensive inspection of the MTI. The above recommendation of PO, MMD Chennai is accepted.</p>
35.	In -Principle Approval to Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar [Application No. 100170]	<p>Rashtriya Raksha University has applied for In-principle approval vide application no. 100170 for conduct of the following courses :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) Course</li> <li>2. Company Security Officer.</li> </ol> <p>The recommendation of PO, MMD, Kandla for approval is accepted.</p>
36.	Shrimanta Shankar Academy, Guwahati [Application No.100205 for In-Principle Approval	<p>M/s Shrimanta Shankar Academy, Guwahati, Assam vide online application No.100205 dated 23.04.2024 submitted application for In-Principle approval for conduct of Pre-Sea course viz. GP Rating and CCMC.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Seek clarification from the Trust within one month.</li> </ol>

37.	M/s. Euro Tech MARITIME ACADEMY, COCHIN [Application No. 100713]	<p>Shri Babu Joseph gave Presentation on the rejection of the application.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PO, MMD, Kochi is Instructed / advised to seek clarification from RO (IRS) why the GME Course was not considered / included in their annual CIP inspection though the first batch of GME was completed the training satisfactorily on 31/07/2024 and the management of the MTI has requested for the same to the RO.</li> <li>2. PO, MMD, Kochi shall submit clarification that whether the GME Course can be started at any date in a calendar year or a particular date in a calendar year like any other pre-sea course viz. B.Tech (Marine Engineering), BSc (Nautical Science), DNS, etc.</li> <li>3. Specific request from the MTI for restore the online application number and to reconsider it which is initially on the system is generically never done in that manner. The MTI claiming from the sponsorship for 40 candidates, while another claim that 24 candidates will be signed on by the end of December. However, it has been decided in the 36<sup>th</sup> STCW Compliance Board meeting that the approval granted may be limited for the conduct of one additional batch initially and the same can be reviewed after completion of further CIP which will include placement of GME course also and this decision is reiterated and confirmed in this meeting.</li> </ol>
38.	List of Non-functional Maritime Training Institutes (MMD wise)	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>POs to examine the matter and revert back in the next STCW Compliance Board meeting.</p>
39.	Proposal for creation of the Bureau of Ports Security (BoPS)	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>Updates to be submitted before the STCW Compliance Board.</p>

40.	Unblocking of the INDOS Numbers	<p>The Directorate has received request from four candidates Harish Singh Majila, Koothaperumal Shanmugasundaram, Antony Don, Sandesh Krishna Nikam, Soosai Michael Jesu Mathan, Christian Nancy Benjamin to unblock their INDOS, as they have redone the course. ;</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> INDoS may be unblocked.</p>
41.	<p>M/s. The Great Eastern Institute of Maritime Studies, Lonavala [Application No. 100718] Diploma In Nautical Science</p>	<p>M/s. The Great Eastern Institute of Maritime Studies, Lonavala vide online application No. 100718 has applied for additional 1 batch of Diploma in Nautical Science course for 40 candidates.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> PO MMD Mumbai's recommendation is accepted.</p>
42.	Course for Medical Examiner approved by Nautical Wing	<p>Due to non-availability of Capt. Daniel Joseph, the same is deferred to next STCW Compliance board Meeting.</p>