

40th STCW Compliance Board online meeting was held on 14.11.2024

Sr .No.	Agenda	Decision Taken
1.	Zasha institute of Maritime Studies –Shifting of premises	<p>M/s. Zasha institute of Maritime Studies had applied for shifting of premises and course approval for various courses</p> <p>Decision :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NA; CS, PO, MMD Kandla; DDG[Trg] and Sub-Committee to give clear recommendations and come up with the clear guidelines. 2. DDG [Trg] to come up with the clear recommendations on other existing approved MTIs
2.	M/s. Sriram Institute of Marine Studies, Noida- deficiencies observed during inspection	<p>A compliant was received against M/s. Sriram Institute, regarding Cheating in STCW Exams.</p> <p>Decision :</p> <p>It has been informed that the suspension of GP Rating & DNS was done in MTI profile on 05.07.24. Whereas the start dated of GP Rating is 1st July every year. DNS course starts in August, but the process of admission i.e. IMU-CET start much earlier. In view of these facts, it has been recommended to regularise GP Rating and DNS batches which was approved by Board. However, the issue of imposing of the penalty on MTI would be examined.</p>
3.	M/s. Anvay Maritime Institute, Belapur – suspension of approval due to serious deficiencies observed during inspection [File No.3503] :	<p>MMD Mumbai had conducted general inspection of M/s. Anvay Maritime Institute on 18.07.2024. along with the inspection for approval of new courses 1.Advanced Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations, 2.Ship Security Officer,3. Fast Rescue Boat, 4. Basic training for Ships using Fuels covered within IGF code and enhancement of capacity for 1. Basic Safety Training, 2. Basic Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations, 3. Security Training. for Seafarer with Designated Security Duties, vide Application no.100725.</p> <p>Decision :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommendation of the PO, MMD, Mumbai regarding suspension of approvals due to major deficiencies is approved. 2. Accordingly, the application No.100725 is approved to be rejected.
4.	Matter of Sea Scan Maritime Foundation, Goa.	<p>Background:</p> <p>Shri Sudhir Kumar Shrivastava, SIC, MMD, Goa presented PPT and mentioned that consideration of the serious nature of major deficiencies,</p>

		<p>MMD Mumbai has requested the Directorate to suspend all new intake for all the courses vide MMD Mumbai letter MMDMUM-11026/1/2023-SURVEY dated 07.03.2024 being conducted at the MTI till such time all the major deficiencies are rectified. It was recommended to allow the MTI to resume the courses subject to acceptance of land requirements and hostel accommodation by DG.</p> <p>Decision :</p> <p>1. PO, MMD, Mumbai to give clear recommendations with regard to compliance of the DGS guidelines by MTI.</p>
5.	Malpractices observed during Exit Exam of GP Rating by BES Trust [File No.8607] :	<p>The Board of Examinations for Seafarers Trust [BEST], submitted All India Exit Examination Results, conducted in September, 2024 for repeater candidates for G.P. Rating and CCMC course. Communication from the BES Trust, mentioned the issue of malpractice noted during the exam and have proposed action against the candidates caught. The MTI was CMET, Lucknow. The other issue raised in the letter from BES Trust is referring to a clause in the Training Circular No.2 of 2008 where the MTIs have an obligation to conduct/provide 'extra coaching' for repeaters without any cost. This has not been implemented by the MTIs.</p> <p>Decision :</p> <p>It has been decided to call comments from Engineering and Nautical wings and action be taken as per the recommendations of Engineering and Nautical wings thereafter.</p>
6.	Strategy for increasing the share of Indian Seafarers from 12% to 20% Globally:	<p>Member Secretary, STCW Compliance Board submitted the updates in the 40th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 14.11.2024.</p>
7.	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.The status of the matter was informed to Board in foresaid paras. No further updates in the matter.</p>

8.	Merchant Navy – An Ideal Career Option: [merged agenda on ‘Rajdhani Republic Day Camp’ with this agenda]	Decision : 1. Support team and dedicated consultants to be appointed for the purpose which will work as a support team to DDG [Training]
9.	STCW Compliance Board:	Decision : 1. STCW Compliance Board has been specified by an executive instructions at the level of DG Shipping. This needs to be given sanctity by the notification. Therefore, a proposal be prepared and submitted to the Ministry for notification. It shall include composition, the aims and purposes of this as an oversight mechanism and all powers, which essentially invested in the office of the DG Shipping.
10.	Revamping of Training Manual:	The status of the matter was informed to Board in foresaid paras. No further updates in the matter.
11.	Revamped Maritime Training Institute Module on E- Governance Platform:	The status of the matter is as per foresaid paras. No further updates in the matter.
12.	Faculty Development Program:	DDG (Training) informed that he is examining the matter and there are no further updates as on date.
13.	Learning Management System:	DDG (Training) informed that 2-3 MTIs including M/s. Anglo Eastern gave their Presentation on the subject. The same is under examination and the concept note will be prepared accordingly.
14.	Maritime Training Institute Infrastructure Standardization / Categorization:	DDG (Training) informed that he had meetings with SCI & DDG [Crew]. 2-3 more meetings are required to discuss the draft MOU. Once finalized, the same will be put before the STCW Compliance Board for further deliberations and decision.
15.	“Sagar Mey Yog” - Wellness Module as a structured ‘Life Skill’ for each mariner :	Capt. Daniel could not attend the meeting since he was attending another meeting. Hence, the matter could not be discussed.
16.	Sagar Mey Samman” Module –	Capt. Daniel could not attend the meeting since he was attending another meeting. Hence, the matter could not be discussed.
17.	Web Based Simulation:	DDG (Training) informed that a committee has been constituted and the committee is working on the subject matter.
18.	Artificial Intelligence & Virtual Reality/ Immersive Technologies in Training	No further updates in the matter.

19.	Safety First Culture – “सुरक्षा सवरूपंथम-हमेशा” :	Nautical Adviser informed that concept note has been prepared and will be submitted before the Board.
20.	National Maritime Games:	DDG (Training) informed that the proposal is under discussion and will be submitted to the Board.
21.	Maritime Domain- Growth and Transition Module:	No updates in the matter.
22.	Maritime Training Conclave- Annual:	No updates in the matter.
23.	I.M.O Strategic Engagement- ‘Catch them young:	No updates in the matter.
24.	Skill Development & Infrastructure Development Support Schemes – Central Sector/ State Sector/ Private Quality improvement funding platforms:	Decision : Board directed DDG [Trg] to come up with the crystal clear proposal.
25.	Examination reforms:	Nautical adviser informed the board that CDAC is conducting pilot testing today.
26.	Dynamic Batch Sizing:	No updates in the matter.
27.	Placement Portal – R.P.S.L Module revamp-addressing Malpractices:	Capt. Daniel could not attend the meeting since he was attending another meeting. Hence, the matter could not be discussed.
28.	Leveraging Technology:	No updates in the matter.
29.	Comprehensive Review of STCW Convention and Codes:	No updates in the matter.
30.	SACE- SMarT [South Asia Centre for Excellence for Sustainable Maritime Transport] – India’s green shipping revolution:	No updates in the matter.
31.	Presentation on pendency of online in-principle approval and course approval of MTIs.	Member Secretary, STCW Compliance board presented the pending in-principle applications and pending course approval applications before the Board. It has been informed to the board that as on date, 5 In-Principle approval applications and 27 course approval applications are pending. Decision : Board directed DDG [Trg] to review the pending applications with jurisdictional POs.

32.	Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof.	Legal Consultant (Training branch) submitted the brief on pending court cases. Shri informed that presently, there are 17 ongoing cases.
33.	List of Non-functional Maritime Training Institutes (MMD wise)	<p>The matter was put in the 40th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 14.11.2024. The jurisdictional POs submitted the cases and recommended for withdrawal of the approvals.</p> <p>Decision :</p> <p>1. As recommended by jurisdictional POs, approvals be withdrawn after following the procedure of issuance of Show Cause Notices as a principle of natural justice in each such cases.</p>
34.	Request from Adani Gangavaram Port Ltd. for clarification on PFSO course conducted by Rashtriya Raksha University {File No.30305}:	<p>Adani Gangavaram Port has requested advise whether the PFSO certificate issued by Rashtriya Raksha University will be acceptable during ISPS audit. Request is made since there is a provision for penalty for not having a Deputy PFSO.</p> <p>Decision :</p> <p>As per data available on MTI module/DGS website, only 3 MTIs were approved for PFSO course, out of these approvals of two MTIs viz. IMU-NIPM/NMA and IMU-LBS/MERI campus, have automatically lapsed. The approval of Naval Maritime Academy -West is active and as per records, MTI has conducted last batch on 24.10.2024.It has been stated that since one DGS approved institute is conducting the PFSO course, which will satisfy the requirement of industry, there is no need to approve Rashtriya Raksha University for conduct of this course.</p>
35.	MTI Training Ship Rahaman: The matter related to Female Candidate of GP Rating for July 2024 batch regarding issuance of INDOS without passport.	<p>DDG(Training) briefed the case of Ms. X (name not disclosed) to the Board. He informed that due to divorce of her parents and due to lack of orders of her custody, and since she is presently below the age of 18 years, the authority is not issuing her Passport without the consent/NOC from her parents regarding her custody. However, after completion of 18 years, she will get her passport without such documents. Therefore, MTI has requested the DGS to grant permission to get her INDOS without passport, allow her to do her BST and STSDSD courses and give permission to upload her name in the batch details.</p> <p>Decision :</p> <p>The request of MTI has been accepted and X is permitted to apply for the INDOS prior to issuance of Passport, subject to the disclaimer clause that</p>

		her case is considered as one time permission and the same cannot be taken as a precedent.
36.	Unblocking of the INDOS Numbers:	<p>The Directorate has received requests from Mohammed Imran, Udaya Sankaranarayana Komara, Lenin Singh Sudalamuthu to unblock their INDOS, as they have redone the course.</p> <p>Decision : The INDOS of the above three candidates have been approved by the Board to be unblocked.</p>