

41st STCW Compliance Board Meeting held on 28.11.2024

Sr. no.	Agenda	Decision Taken
1	<u>Plutus Institute of Marine Science, Vilupuram, Tamil Nadu [Application No.100645 – course approval]</u>	MTI vide letter dated 22.11.2024, has requested to grant them <u>conditional approval</u> since they have complied with all other observations including the swimming pool, with the condition of compliance of IMO Model course requirement i.e. 'davit-launched inflatable lifecraft with a launching davit and one survival craft (lifeboat) to simulate boarding from water and ship' within 3 months. <u>Decision:</u> Institute may be granted 3 months time to comply with the new guidelines.
2	<u>Matter of Sea Scan Maritime Foundation, Goa:</u>	<u>Decision:-</u> Clarification on the land issue may be requested from the Institute, and the same to be legally vetted by the legal consultant, either by the legal consultant in the Directorate or by outsider.
3	M/s. Indian Maritime University, Navi Mumbai Campus	M/s. Indian Maritime University, Navi Mumbai Campus vide letter dated 08.10.2024 has informed that Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) course have been lapsed (12 candidates per batch, 48 batches per year) and after COVID could not pick-up.The MTI has requested permission to make the ECDIS course active. <u>Decision:</u> The institute may apply a fresh for the approval of the lapsed courses as per the procedure.
4	M/s. Euro Tech MARITIME ACADEMY, COCHIN [Application No. 100713]	The online application no. 100713 applied by Euro Tech Maritime Academy, Kochi for enhancement of GME Course strength from 1 batch (40 candidates) to 2 batches (2x 40). <u>Decision:-</u> 1. As per decision no. 3 of the earlier meeting, DDG [Trg] will prepare draft circular and circulate for the comments of stake holders. 2. There shall be no restrictions on the start date of GME course.
5	M/s. Seven Islands Maritime Training	M/s. Seven Islands Maritime Training Institute, Khopoli vide online application no. 100732 has applied for additional batch of Graduate Marine Engineering for

	Institute, Khopoli [Application No.100732]:	<p>40 candidates.</p> <p>PO, MMD, Mumbai has recommended that DGS may grant approval for one additional batch of GME course with 40 candidates per batch which will increase the total number of approved batches to 4. Considering the fact that the GME course is being conducted in 8+4 months pattern, it is recommended that the approval is subject to a condition that at any instant the institute should not conduct more than three batches simultaneously.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> The recommendations of PO, MMD, Mumbai for approval is accepted by the Board.</p>
6	Application No.100206 – In-Principle Approval application from PERUNKADAL EDUCATIONAL TRUST	<p>M/s. Perunkadal Educational Trust, Thoothukudi applied for in-principle approval to conduct DGS approved training course viz. Basic Safety Training + STSDSD.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trust may be called for giving Presentation on their proposal before the STCW Compliance Board. 2. Sought clarification on the swimming pool from the Tamil Nadu government. 3. Put the case in the next STCW Compliance Board meeting with clear specifications.
7	<u>Shrimanta Shankar Academy, Guwahati [Application No.100205 for In-Principle Approval] :</u>	<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><u>Decision:</u> Matter is put in the 41st STCW Compliance Board meeting scheduled on 28.11.2024 for deliberation and decision. Shri Vikrant Rai stated that application is from Society which not approved form of MTI as per DGS guidelines. Further, most of the land is agriculture land. Clarification was called from the institute, but no reply has been received. Therefore, PO MMD Kolkata has recommended for rejection of the application.</p> <p><u>Accordingly, following decision was taken :</u></p>

		The recommendation of the PO MMD Kolkata for rejection for incorrect constitution and non-reply from MTI was approved by the Board.																		
8	<u>Applications No. 100654, 100641, 100724, 100722 & 100723 from M/s. Institute of Marine Engineers(I), Goa :</u>	<p>The Institute of Marine Engineers (India), Goa applied for the approval of the following courses:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Application No.</th> <th>Course</th> <th>Intake applied /recommended</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>100654</td> <td>STSDSD</td> <td>24 candidates per batch and 12 batches in year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100641</td> <td>Basic Training for Ships Using Fuels covered with IGF Code I</td> <td>24 candidates per batch and 12 batches in year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100724</td> <td>Ship Security Officer</td> <td>24 candidates per batch and 12 batches in year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100722</td> <td>Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations</td> <td>24 candidates per batch and 12 batches in year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100723</td> <td>Basic Training for Liquified Gas Tanker Cargo Operations</td> <td>24 candidates per batch and 12 batches in year</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Circular on (1) tie-up arrangements issues and (2) standardized check list for inspection, be prepared and submitted in the next meeting. 2. Decision on these applications will be taken thereafter. 	Application No.	Course	Intake applied /recommended	100654	STSDSD	24 candidates per batch and 12 batches in year	100641	Basic Training for Ships Using Fuels covered with IGF Code I	24 candidates per batch and 12 batches in year	100724	Ship Security Officer	24 candidates per batch and 12 batches in year	100722	Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations	24 candidates per batch and 12 batches in year	100723	Basic Training for Liquified Gas Tanker Cargo Operations	24 candidates per batch and 12 batches in year
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9	<u>Applications No. 100572, 1007031 from Indian Maritime University [Mumbai Port Campus][LBS CAMSAR & MERI] -additional batch of BE/B.Tech Marine Engineering :</u>	<p>MTI has applied for the following courses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An additional batch of BE/B.Tech Marine Engineering with intake capacity of 80 candidates and frequency of batch will be 1 batch in a year. 1. Revalidation course for masters and deck officer with intake capacity of 24 candidates and batch frequency of 36 in a year. <p>Inspection carried out on 11/06/2024. Attached observation report for ready</p>																		

		<p>reference. MTI advised to submit the closure report for further necessary action. Upon scrutiny of the compliance report, it was found that observations No. 9 and 13 have not been complied with. Upon scrutiny of the report, it was found that all observations have been complied with except observation sr no 13, which was regard to 1 % fees to the Directorate.</p> <p>PO, MMD Mumbai has recommended for the approval of the courses mentioned above. Regarding 1% fee to be paid to DGS a decision may be taken at the Directorate considering the request of IMU being a Central University</p> <p>Matter is put in the 41st STCW Compliance Board meeting scheduled on 28.11.2024 for deliberation and decision. Shri Shrish Kumar from MMD Mumbai gave Presentation. He stated that institute has complied with all the deficiencies observed during inspection, therefore approval may be granted for applied courses, subject to consideration of non-payment of 1% fee to DG Shipping by IMU.</p> <p>Shri Bisen informed that there was a letter issued to IMU by the Directorate regarding exemption from 1% annual fee to IMU.</p> <p>Decision: Correspondence with regard to exemption from payment of 1% fee to IMU be examined and presented to the board for further deliberation and decision.</p>
10	Specific Action –timeline on the Structured Agenda :	No updates in the matter.
11	Strategy for increasing the share of Indian Seafarers from 12% to 20% Globally:	No further updates in the matter.
12	Indian Merchant Navy Entrance Test:	DDG(Training) informed that IMU has not agreed on the common CET. Hence, there is a need further examination to have our own CET. The issue is being examined internally.
13	Merchant Navy – An Ideal Career Option: [merged agenda on ‘Rajdhani Republic Day Camp’ with this agenda]	DDG(Training) informed informed that proposal was sent to Ministry. Ministry raised some queries. The reply is being issued.

14	STCW Compliance Board:	<p>Legal consultant gave the Presentation on recognition of the STCW Compliance Board giving legal provisions.</p> <p>Decision: Proposal for recognition/notification of the STCW Compliance Board shall be sent to the Ministry giving all legal provisions as per the presentation.</p>
15	Revamping of Training Manual:	<p>Decision: DDG(Training) informed that comments from MTIs have been received and have been collated and made in track change mode and circulated among all the members of committee. Board directed to submit the comments by tomorrow to those who have not yet submitted.</p>
16	Revamped Maritime Training Institute Module on E- Governance Platform:	<p>Decision: DDG(Training) informed that techno commercial proposal has been received which is under examination. Pre-negotiation are due so first negotiation will be done shortly.</p>
17.	Faculty Development Program:	<p>Decision: Board directed DDG (Training) to speak to either IR Class or LR or DNV if they can provide us a platform in the matter.</p>
18.	Learning Management System:	<p>Decision: DDG(Training) informed that drafting of EOI is under process which will take around two to three weeks. No further updates in the matter.</p>
19.	Maritime Training Institute Infrastructure Standardization / Categorization:	<p>Decision: DDG(Training) informed that QCI has submitted draft MOU alongwith its commercials and the matter needs further discussion. No further updates in the matter.</p>
20.	“Sagar Mey Yog” - Wellness Module as a structured ‘Life Skill’ for each mariner :	<p>DDG(Crew) informed that they have issued DGS Order No.18 of 2024 where a task force has been constituted. Also a meeting was conducted with all Yog Gurus. Almost 40 Yog Gurus have volunteered to be a part of the task force. Expert Committee which is looking after the syllabus has been constituted vide DGS Order No.18 of 2024 and next meeting is scheduled in next week. He further informed that they are taking up the other modules related to wellness, the other components. Yoga is one spiritual and physical module, but there are also other 7 modules such as nutrition, medicines, dental, etc. for which there</p>

		will be expert consultants.He further informed that LUCI, NUSI have already submitted kind of agreements, voluntarily supporting the cause. We will be going ahead with other components.
21.	Sagar Mey Samman” Module –	DDG(Crew) informed that they have issued DGS Order No.19 of 2024 and brought all the women associations in India together and created a task force where almost 65 to 70 women experts in maritime field have volunteers to be part of this task force, where comprehensive policy document will be prepared. The meeting was held on 18.11.2024 where Ms. Joshi was selected as a chairperson of the task force. There will be 7 sub-committees which will be in place by today or tomorrow. By 60 days, the first draft document shall be ready.
22.	Web Based Simulation:	No updates in the matter.
23.	Artificial Intelligence & Virtual Reality/ Immersive Technologies in Training	No updates in the matter.
24.	Safety First Culture – “सुरक्षा सवरूपंथम- हमेशा” :	Nautical Adviser informed that preparation of the concept note is at final stage. Once done, the procurement note will be sent to DGS.
26.	National Maritime Games:	DDG (Training) informed that he has spoken with the experts in the field and working on it. No further updates in the matter.
27.	Maritime Domain- Growth and Transition Module:	No updates in the matter.
28.	Maritime Training Conclave- Annual:	DDG (Training) informed that he has identified two topics which is under submission. No further updates in the matter.
29.	I.M.O Strategic Engagement- ‘Catch them young:	No updates in the matter.
30.	Skill Development & Infrastructure Development Support Schemes – Central Sector/ State Sector/ Private Quality improvement funding platforms:	No updates in the matter.

31.	Examination reforms:	DDG(Training) informed that NTA has submitted MOU between DGS & NTA, which is under review. The same will be examined and revert back to NTA as well to CDAC.
32.	Dynamic Batch Sizing:	DDG(Training) informed that dynamic batch size will come into force only with the new MTI Module. Therefore, no updates in the matter.
33.	Placement Portal – R.P.S.L Module revamp-addressing Malpractices	It has been informed that all four modules which are techno commercial have been received. No further updates in the matter.
37.	Leveraging Technology:	No updates in the matter.
38.	Comprehensive Review of STCW Convention and Codes:	Nodal officer informed that meeting was held on 21.11.2024. One paper has already been submitted, uploaded in the session. Individual groups can prepare and submit papers in the next meeting. Tentatively meeting will be held in next week.
39.	SACE- SMarT [South Asia Centre for Excellence for Sustainable Maritime Transport] – India’s green shipping revolution:	No updates in the matter.
40.	Presentation on pendency of online in-principle approval and course approval of MTIs.	Mmeber Secretary presented the pending applications and Jurisdictional POs submitted the present status of the long pending applications. It has been advised to decide how much time to be given to the MTI for compliance of pending deficiencies. Accordingly, the board directed to issue Advisory to MTIs that they can apply for the course only after they are ready for conduct of course in all aspects.
41.	Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof.	Legal consultant submitted the brief on the pending court cases of the Training Branch .
42.	Confirmation of publication of results at every STCW compliance Board meeting :	It has been informed that all the results have been published within time.

43.	<u>Standardization of Training and Assessment Record (TAR) Book for Maritime Training Institutes [C.No.12311] :</u>	<p>The Principal of M/s Maharashtra Academy of Naval Education & Training (MANET) has submitted a detailed Training and Assessment Record (TAR) Book for their four-year Marine Engineering Training program. The TAR book outlines the competency requirements for trainees upon completion of the program, enabling them to perform watchkeeping duties and maintain onboard machinery. It has been suggested to have standardized Electronic TAR Book.</p> <p>Decision:- Board instructed DDG(training) to take inputs from CS and NA.</p>
44.	<u>Draft Circular - Escalation Matrix for Penalties on Non-Compliance by Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs) :</u>	<p>While examining the various cases of MTI, the STCW Compliance Board observed that MTIs are violating the DGS guidelines on various occasions, but there is no specific guideline on the Penalties to be imposed on MTIs for the non-compliances DGS norms.</p> <p>Decision :-Board directed DDG (Training) to upload the draft circular on DGS Website for feedback of the stakeholders.</p>
45.	<u>Draft Circular - Discontinuation of Exit Exams for Refresher Courses</u>	<p>The draft circular on the “Discontinuation of Exit Exams for Refresher Courses” was prepared and circulated among the members of the sub-committee for inputs by DDG [Training] on 14.11.2024.</p> <p>Decision:Board instructed DDG(training) to upload the draft circular on DGS Website for feedback of the stakeholders.</p>
46.	<u>Draft Circular on Swimming Pool Requirements :</u>	<p>Decision:Board instructed DDG(training) to upload the draft circular on DGS Website for feedback of the stakeholders.</p>
47.	<u>Draft Circular- Conduct of Non DGS approved courses by DGS approved MTIs :</u>	<p>Decision:Board instructed DDG(training) to upload the draft circular on DGS Website for feedback of the stakeholders.</p>
48.	<u>Change of name of the Trust /Trustee, member of Board of Directors of Section 8 Company, and related matters :</u>	<p>Decision: Board instructed DDG(training) to upload the draft circular on DGS Website for feedback of the stakeholders.</p>