

43rd STCW Compliance Board Meeting held on 26.12.2024

Sr. no.	Agenda	Decision Taken
1.	Issue related to Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime, Sriperumbudur (MTI No. 402008) :	It has been informed to the Board that as per Hon'ble Court's order, an inspection of the MTI along with the Advocate Commissioner was conducted on 24.12.2024 and it was observed that MTI complied with only 4 deficiencies and 10 deficiencies are still pending. <u>After deliberation, the following decision was taken :</u> 1) The Legal Consultant to be consulted by DDG [TRG] alongwith PO, MMD, Chennai and a written intimation to the Hon'ble Forum to be given, which is for the knowledge of the Advocate Commissioner. Since the matter is sub-judice, decision will be as per the decision of the Hon'ble Court. (2) With regard to opening of the portal for BST, DDG[Trg] to discuss with PO MMD Chennai and submit the compliance report thereof to the Hon'ble Court since the next date of hearing is on 10.01.2024.
2.	<u>M/s. Trident College of Marine Technology, Kolkata –suspension of courses due to non-compliance of deficiencies [C.No.25052] :</u>	Decision : 1. PO, MMD, Kolkata has recommended that the MTI may be allowed to continue next batch subject to compliance of the remaining observations within the extended time of the respective observations. This recommendations of PO, MMD Kolkata was approved by the Board and the MTI is granted time upto March, 2025 for compliance. 2. Institute then will make Presentation before the STCW Compliance Board on the compliances.
3.	<u>Merchant Navy Training Institute, Haryana [Application No 100700] :</u>	Decision : The MTI has applied for approval of the 15 courses. PO, MMD Kandla recommended the approval to the institute for the conduct of following courses :

Sr.No.	Course	Intake per batch	Batches in a year
1	Advanced Training in Fire Fighting	24	48
2	Basic Safety Training	24	24
3	Crowd Management, Passenger Safety and Safety Training	24	48
4	Medical First Aid	24	48
5	Medical Care	24	24
6.	Proficiency In Survival Craft and Rescue Boats	24	48
7.	Refresher Training for Medical Care	24	96
8.	Refresher Training for Medical First Aid	24	96
9.	Refresher Training for Proficiency in FPFF	24	96
10	Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST	24	96
11	Refresher Training for Proficiency in PSCRB	24	96
12	Refresher Training for Advanced Training in Fire Fighting	24	96
13	Security Training for Seafarer with Designated Security Duties	24	96

3. PO, MMD Kandla has not **not recommended** following refresher courses for the institute as institute is not conducting main competency course:

		1. Refresher and Updating Training Course for all Engineers. 2. Revalidation Training Course for Masters and Deck Officers. Decision : Recommendations of PO, MMD Kandla was accepted.
4.	<u>Hoon Maritime Institute Noida [application No.100706] :</u>	Hoon Maritime Institute Noida vide application NO 100706 has applied for approval of Medical First Aid, Refresher Training for Medical First Aid, Ship Security Officer, Security training for seafarers with Designated Security Duties, MEO Class II and Second Mate (FG) Competency course. PO, MMD, Kandla has recommended that approval may be granted to the Institute for commencement conducting following courses : 1. Medical First Aid with intake of 20 candidates per batch for 48 batches in a year. 2. Refresher Medical First Aid with intake of 20 candidates per batch for 96 batches in a year. 3. Ship Security Officer (SSO) with intake of 20 candidates per batch for 48 batches in a year. 4. Security Training for Seafarer with Designated Security Duties with intake of 20 candidates per batch for 48 batches in a year. 5. MEO Class – II with intake of 24 candidates per batch for 12 batches in a year. 6. Second Mate with intake of 24 candidates per batch for 12 batches in a year. The following decision was taken : Recommendations of PO, MMD Kandla was accepted.

5.	<u>M/s. Samundra Institute of Maritime Studies, Lonavala [Application No. 100731] :</u>	The MTI Samundra Institute of Maritime Studies Application No. 100731 applied for i) Basic Safety Training Course Additional Batch Intake Capacity 20 Batch Frequency 24 ii) Basic Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations Intake Capacity 24 Batch Frequency 20. PO, MMD, Mumbai, recommended for grant of approval for following courses : 1)Additional four batches of the BST course, with 20 candidates per batch, making a total of 24 batches per year and 20 candidates per batch. 2)An increase of an additional four candidates per batch for 20 batches in a year, making a total of 24 candidates per batch and 20 batches per year for Basic training course in Gas Tanker operations. Decision : Recommendations of PO, MMD Mumbai was accepted.
6.	<u>M/s. J.Sons Merchant Navy Institute, Meerat [Application No.100734] :</u>	J. Sons Merchant Navy Institute has applied two refresher courses viz. Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST[20 x 96] and Refresher Training for Proficiency in FPFF [20 x 96]. PO, MMD, Kandla has recommended that approval may be granted to the Institute for conduct of following courses : 1. Refresher Training for proficiency in PST with intake capacity of 20 candidates per batch for 96 batches in a year. 2. Refresher Training for proficiency in FPFF with intake capacity of 20 candidates per batch for 96 batches in a year. The matter was put in the 43rd STCW Compliance Board Meeting held on 26.12.2024. Capt. Darokar from MMD Kandla gave Presentation. Decision :

		Recommendations of PO, MMD Kandla was accepted.
7.	<u>M/s. Fosma Maritime Institute & Research Organization, NOIDA [Application No. 100736]</u> :	The MTI, FOSMA Maritime Institute & Research Organisation, NOIDA, has submitted Application No. 100736, seeking approval for a new course titled Advanced Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations with an intake capacity of 20 students per batch, and a requested batch frequency of 16 per year. PO,MMD, Kandla has recommended that the approval may be granted to the Institute for conduct of Advanced Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations with intake capacity of 20 candidates per batch for 16 batches in a year. Decision : Recommendations of PO, MMD Kandla was accepted.
8.	<u>Institute of Marine Engineers(India), Cochin [Application No. 100737]</u> :	Institute of Marine Engineers(India) Cochin vide Application No. : 100737 applied for new course 'Vertical Integration Course for Trainers [VICT] with the applied intake capacity of 20 students and 6 batches in a year. PO,MMD, Kochi has recommended to approve the VICT course of 06 batches per year with capacity of 20 candidates per batch. Decision : Recommendations of PO, MMD Kochi was accepted.
9.	<u>The ONENESS EDUCATIONAL & CHARITABLE TRUST, Agra, UP [Application No.100215]</u> :	The ONENESS EDUCATIONAL & CHARITABLE TRUST Agra, UP has applied for in-principal approval for Pre Sea Institute vide Application No. 100215 on 29.08.2024. It was submitted that Navigator Maritime Academy run by the same trust is the exiting institute approved for conduct of STCW modular courses. The trust proposed to open new pre-sea campus. It was proposed to use the swimming pool and mock up facility of their post sea campus for pre-sea courses. One of the STCW Compliance board members stated that as per DGS guidelines, swimming pool and

		mock-up facility should be in campus only and further enquired if it is RPSL as well, so whether it is capable of placement of their pre-sea candidates. Decision : 1. The Trust representative shall make the Presentation before the STCW Compliance Board in the next meeting. The issues requirement of swimming pool and mock up facilities in campus, and the issue of two parcel of land may be intimated to the Trust. 2. It was decided that henceforth, for the applications for in-Principle approval and new course approvals, and on the matters if required by the DGS, the representatives from the Trust/Company/MTI may be invited to given Presentation before the STCW Compliance Board.
10.	Strategy for increasing the share of Indian Seafarers from 12% to 20% Globally:	Decision: Strategic Implementation Unit shall be constituted with domain experts for training branch.
11.	Indian Merchant Navy Entrance Test:	Decision: Strategy to be prepared after consultation with both the Chief Examiners.
12.	Merchant Navy – An Ideal Career Option: [merged agenda on ‘Rajdhani Republic Day Camp’ with this agenda]	DDG Training informed that on 10th December,2024, Director MoPSW has conducted one meeting where Capt. Bhasin was also present and in that meeting, it has been discussed that there is a need to discuss the entire proposal with the Director, Ministry of Defence.
13.	STCW Compliance Board:	Legal consultant presented the draft notification. Following decision was taken: DG suggested to insert the words in para 2(3) as “compliances” and circulate the draft notification among POs for inputs.

14.	Revamping of Training Manual:	Decision :- It has been informed to the board that internal workshop has been scheduled on 6 th January, 2025.
15.	Revamped Maritime Training Institute Module on E- Governance Platform:	DDG (Training) informed that they are still in the negotiation stage and are waiting for techno commercial in required format from ARI. Decision : It has been decided to present 3 aspects to be presented in the next STCW Compliance Board meeting i.e. (1) Cost and commercials have gone from original 3.4 crores to 7 crores, techno commercial remains open ended which need to be frozen with ARI. (2) Immediate advantage of giving it to ARI was to get it done within a defined timeline, however, ARI has given input that MTI module will be stable and live only after 10 months of issue of the work order. (3) Earlier arrangement of DGS with ARI was without ownership of data and source.
16.	Faculty Development Program:	Decision : Strategic Implementation Unit shall be constituted with domain experts for training branch to examine this matter.
17.	Learning Management System:	Decision : ‘External Expert Committee to be constituted to examine the matter. External members to be identified and then decide upon the terms of references. Some remuneration has to be given.
18.	Maritime Training Institute Infrastructure Standardization / Categorization:	No updates in the matter.

19.	“Sagar Mey Yog” – Wellness Module as a structured ‘Life Skill’ for each mariner :	DDG(Crew) informed that MoU from NUSI has been received and submitted to MSL Branch for legal vetting. Further, yoga gurus are working on the syllabus and first draft shall be ready by 15 th January, 2025.
20.	Sagar Mey Samman” Module –	DDG(Crew) informed that as already informed, there would 6 sub-committees with the discussion with Joshi Madam, we have removed inactive members from the group and new members also been added in the group. Detailed presentation will be made in the next meeting. We have created a google drive where everybody is conducting their meetings and submitting the documents.
21.	Web Based Simulation:	No updates in this matter.
22.	Artificial Intelligence & Virtual Reality/ Immersive Technologies in Training	No updates in this matter.
23.	Safety First Culture – “सुरक्षा सवर्धन- हमेशा” :	No updates in this matter.
24.	National Maritime Games:	Capt. Girish Phadnis alongwith Shri Atul Kulkarni gave Presentation on National Maritime Games. It was submitted that due to paucity of time, he proposed to organized the National Sports Meet in Mumbai instead of in 4 zones. He proposed new name as “Maritime India Sports Game” which shall be organized from 25th March, 2025 upto 5th April, 2025 which is the National Maritime Day. The suggested sports are Cricket, badminton, table tennis, chess, marathon, golf, kickball, etc. Help can be taken from Olympic Association or State. If it is in Mumbai then professional umpires can be hire from Maharashtra Olympic Association. People with all maritime sectors can participate. The costing includes accommodation for outside participants, local transportation, food, venue, playground and facilities, T-shirts, certificates, medals, trophies, etc. We need core committee and then sub-committees for these purposes to be organized in three months time. The following decision was taken : 1. April, 2025 is too short period. DDG [Trg] to discuss with Dr. Girish Phadnis on its feasibility, organizational aspects like funding, logistics, infrastructural facilities, etc and operational aspects.

25.	Maritime Domain- Growth and Transition Module:	No updates in this matter.
26.	Maritime Training Conclave- Annual:	No updates in this matter.
27.	I.M.O Strategic Engagement- ‘Catch them young:	DDG[Trg] an DDG [International Cooperation] should combinedly present what they are planning to do.
28.	Skill Development & Infrastructure Development Support Schemes – Central Sector/ State Sector/ Private Quality improvement funding platforms:	No updates in this matter.
29.	Examination reforms:	No updates in this matter.
30.	Dynamic Batch Sizing:	No updates in this matter.
31.	Placement Portal – R.P.S.L Module revamp-addressing Malpractices:	No updates in this matter..
32.	Leveraging Technology:	No updates in this matter.
33.	Comprehensive Review of STCW Convention and Codes:	No updates in this matter.
34.	SACE- SmarT [South Asia Centre for Excellence for Sustainable Maritime Transport] – India’s green shipping revolution:	No updates in this matter.

35.	Presentation on pendency of online in-principle approval and course approval of MTIs.	This agenda was deferred to next meeting
36.	Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof.	Legal Consultant presented the pending court matters in the training branch.
37.	Confirmation of publication of results at every STCW compliance Board meeting :	It has been informed that all the results were published within time. Decision :- It has been 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 4th Thursday of the respective month.
38.	Asha International Institute of Marine Technology, Varanasi [application No.100752]:	The Asha International Institute of Marine Technology, Varanasi applied for the approval of following 5 courses for additional batches vide application number 100752. i) Training for General Purpose Rating - with Applied Intake Capacity of 40 Students & Applied Batch Frequency of 4. ii) Basic Safety Training with Applied Intake Capacity of 24 Students & Applied Batch Frequency of 96. iii) Refresher Training for Proficiency in FPFF - with Applied Intake Capacity of 24 Students & Applied Batch Frequency of 48. iv) Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST with Applied Intake Capacity of 24 Students & Applied Batch Frequency of 48. v) Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations - with Applied Intake Capacity of 24 Students & Applied Batch Frequency of 48.

		Surveyor, MMD Kolkata has inspected the Institute for the following courses and recommended for approval: (i) additional GP Rating of 40 candidates per batch, 04 batches in a year. (ii) additional BST of 24 candidates per batch, 96 batches in a year. (iii) additional RFPFF of 24 candidates per batch, 48 batches in a year. (iv) RPST of 24 candidates per batch, 48 batches in a year. (v) Basic OCTCO of 24 candidates per batch, 48 batches in a year. The following decision was taken: Recommendations of PO, MMD Kolkata was accepted.
39.	Five Star Maritime Foundation Institute, Mumbai [Application No. 100730]	Five Star Maritime Foundation Institute has applied for the following courses vide application No.100730 on 31.07.2024: i) Basic Safety Training ii) Security Trng. for Seafarer with Designated Security Duties iii) Refresher Training for Proficiency in FPFF iv) Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST v) Crowd Management, Passenger Safety and Safety Training PO, MMD Mumbai recommended for conduct of the following courses: 1. Basic Safety Training ,24 candidates per batch and 96 batches in a year 2. Security Trng. for Seafarer with Designated Security Duties 24 candidates per batch and 96 batches in a year. 3. Refresher Training for Proficiency in FPFF 24 candidates per batch and 96 batches in a year

		4. Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST 24 candidates per batch and 96 batches in a year 5. Crowd Management, Passenger Safety and Safety Training 24 candidates per batch and 96 batches in a year. One of the STCW Committee members stated that MTI is proposed to have tie up for swimming pool and mock up, but as per present guidelines it is not permitted. Decision : 1. Institute will be informed that swimming pool be completed within six months and not the 18 months as requested by the institute.
40.	M/s. Anvay Maritime Institute, Belapur – suspension of approval due to serious deficiencies observed during inspection [File No.3503]:	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 <u>Application no.100725</u>] The certain serious deficiencies were observed during the inspection as follows: (i) MTI do not have a gas mock-up for practical firefighting training. (ii) None of the candidates had undertaken practical training for the Basic Gas Tanker course. (iii) The PSCRB course was conducted when there was no water in the river. It was further informed that out of 2 complaints, one complaint is closed and another is under examination. Decision :

		1. Another complaint be reviewed. 2. The Institute may be invited to give Presentation on the compliances in the next STCW Compliance Board meeting. Thereafter, the PO's recommendation to consider conduct of 5 courses will be decided.
41.	OTHER AGENDA	1. Draft Training Circular: Guidelines for Changes in Name, Structure, and Composition of Maritime Training Institute (MTIs) and the Management of Trusts and Section 8 Companies. 2. Draft Training Circular: Basic awareness course for seafarers about seafarer awareness, FAQ, Seafarer Grievances, Seafarer rights and safe and Secure seafaring etc. 3. Draft Training Circular: Discontinuation of Exit Exams for Refresher Courses 4. Draft Training Circular: Amendment to Existing DGS Training Circulars on Swimming Pool Facilities, Pool Dimensions, and Compliance for Maritime Training Institute (MTIs) 5. Draft Training Circular: Conduct of Non-DGS Approved Courses by DGS Approved Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs) 6. Draft Training Circular: Escalation Matrix for Penalties on Non-Compliance by Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs) Decision : The draft circulars with the feedbacks received from the stakeholders, be put before the committee of revamping of Training Manual during the workshop scheduled on 6th January 2025.
42.	Comprehensive Checklist:	Standardization of checklist for Comprehensive scheduled / unscheduled Inspection by MMDs for MTI Module. <u>Decision :</u> The draft check list be put before the committee of revamping of Training Manual during the workshop scheduled on 6th January 2025.