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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.20-11011/33/2021-TRG-DGS (C.No.8093)

Dated: 07.07.2025

ORDER

1. This Order is issued to M/s. Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime (CTM) (MTI No. 402008) located at Sengadu Post, Ulundai Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Sriperumbudur, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu-602002 is the Directorate General of Shipping (hereinafter referred as DGS) approved Maritime Training Institute (hereinafter referred as 'MTI') for conducting the DGS approved Maritime Courses, which is run by Cosmopolitan Educational and Social Development Trust, represented by its Director Dr. N. Vijayakumar.

2. Whereas, it has been placed on record that M/s. Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime, Sriperumbudur, has not undergone any CIP inspection since 19.04.2018, and the annual inspection due on 17.04.2019 was also not completed, in contravention of DGS Training Circulars No. 33 of 2018, 10 of 2018 and DGS Order No. 04 of 2016. Subsequent to the Comprehensive inspection conducted by MMD, Chennai on 17.11.2023 followed by inspection on 23.11.2023, the MTI failed to submit the compliance report within 30 days as advised vide MMD Chennai letter No. MMDC/PO/SAC/46/Vol-III/3399 dated 28.11.2023. A reminder dated 29.12.2023 was also issued but elicited no response following which, DGS Speaking Order dated 09.02.2024 rejecting the request dated 20.09.2023 from the subject MTI for reopening the portal to admit remaining students for Basic Safety Training courses due to the MTI's non-compliance with specific DGS Circulars.

3. Whereas, although the MTI conveyed readiness for compliance verification on 15.03.2024, the inspection conducted on 26.03.2024 revealed that 14 deficiencies remained unresolved, as communicated to the Directorate vide letter No. MMDC/PO/SAC/46/Vol-III/5594 dated 08.04.2024. Further inspections on 25.04.2024, based on student complaints referred by DGS vide letter dated 04.04.2024, highlighted major deficiencies including absence of Principal and Director during inspection, lack of teaching faculty, continued levying of unapproved fees (Rs. 1,50,000 to Rs. 1,90,000 per candidate), withholding of SSC certificates and passports, delayed BST training causing CDC delays, and lack of transparency in fee collection, violating provisions of DGS Training Circulars No. 31 of 2018 (para 6.4.1), 1 of 2018 (para 17-D), Circular No. TR/CIR/6(6)/2017 dated 22.01.2018, and DGS Order 07 of 2016. MTI also failed to produce video recordings of BST practicals and tie-up for FPFF was found non-functional. Additionally, allegations of B.Ed/M.Ed classes being conducted in MTI premises were substantiated by similarities on the website of Cosmopolitan College of Education, contravening para 2.1.3 of Circular 31 of 2018.

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4. Whereas, Show Cause Notice dated 21.05.2024 was issued to the MTI and reply was submitted by MTI on 31.05.2024 and 03.06.2024. However, upon review it was reported and reiterated by PO, MMD, Chennai that 14 deficiencies remain unresolved (including major lapses at S. Nos. 7, 9, and 14 as mentioned in the Order dated 28.08.2024) and recommended temporary blocking or downsizing of approved courses including BST, STSDSD, GP Rating, and CCMC in DGS e-governance system, with a six-month compliance timeline, failing which further restrictions on new admissions shall be imposed. The repeated and continued non-compliance and intentional violation of DGS directives adversely impacted the MTI's functioning and student welfare, and amounted to willful circumvention of the applicable laws and standards.

5. The above matter has been deliberated in the 33rd STCW Compliance Board meeting and as decided, the speaking order dated 28.08.2024 was issued as:

"20. Therefore, having been vested with the statutory duty and powers to continuously monitor the MTI, which is functioning under the approval of DGS, and to conduct necessary inspection and verification of the MTI; in view of the above serious major non-conformities and prosecutable offences committed by the Cosmopolitan Educational and Social Development Trust and the Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime (MTI No. 402008), the extant approvals for courses that are presently granted to the MTI stand revised and revoked as below in accordance with the applicable and governing DGS Training Circulars and Rules.

Sr. No.	Name of Course	Approval No.	Existing Approvals	Revised/Revoked Approvals	Effective Date
1.	Basic Safety Training	2018	24 batches of 20 students each	04 batches of 20 students each per annum	Effective from 01.01.2025
2.	Certificate Course In Maritime Catering	TR/A/34/2009	40 batches of 6 students each	Revoked	Effective immediately
3.	Crowd Management, Passenger Safety and Safety Training	TR/A/66/2001	24 batches of 24 students each	Revoked	Effective immediately
4.	Refresher Training for Proficiency in FPFF	TR/A/174/2013	72 batches of 20 students each	Revoked	Effective immediately
5.	Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST	TR/A/173/2013	72 batches of 16 students each	Revoked	Effective immediately
6.	Security Trng. for Seafarer with Designated Security Duties	TR/A/265/2013	96 batches of 24 students each	04 batches of 24 students each per annum	Effective from 01.01.2025

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7.	Training for General Purpose Ratings	TR/A/55/2003	09 batches of 40 students each	02 batches of 40 students each per annum	Effective from 01.01.2025
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21. Reinstatement of course approvals may be considered only after the institute's compliance submissions have been satisfactorily verified by MMD, Chennai and found to be in adherence with DGS Orders/Circulars, subject to the decision of the STCW Compliance Board."

6. Whereas M/s. Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime has preferred Writ Petition No. 33481 of 2024 praying to quash the order dated 28.08.2024 issued by the DGS (F.No. 20-11011/33/2021-TRG-DGS, Comp No. 8093). In W.M.P. No. 41183 of 2024, the petitioner sought direction to the DGS to open the portal for BST course for the 45th batch of GP Rating and 29th batch of CCMC students and to issue admit cards for the exit examinations scheduled on 13.12.2024. In W.M.P. No. 36253 of 2024, the petitioner sought appointment of an Advocate Commissioner to inspect the Maritime Training Institute and verify compliance with deficiencies cited in the impugned order dated 28.08.2024. Honorable High Court of Madras, by order dated 11.12.2024, appointed Ms. Akila Rajendran, Advocate, as Advocate Commissioner, directing her to inspect the petitioner's management premises on 24.12.2024 along with the respondents' team and submit a report.

7. Whereas, in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court, 200 admit cards were issued to GP Rating candidates for the December 2024 session on 13.12.2024, enabling them to appear for the exit examinations scheduled on the same day. Further, an inspection of M/s. Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime, Sriperumbudur, was conducted on 24.12.2024 by inspection team from MMD, Chennai in the presence of Advocate Commissioner Ms. Akila Rajendran, and the proceedings were duly documented through videography and photographs.

8. Whereas, the inspection by MMD, Chennai revealed that while some of the deficiencies identified in the Speaking Order dated 28.08.2024 had been rectified, significant and persistent non-compliance issues remain unaddressed. Out of the 14 deficiencies cited, only 4 deficiencies have been fully complied with. Major deficiencies still persisting include the absence of qualified engineering faculty (Deficiency No. 4) in violation of DGS Training Circular 31 of 2018 (Para 6.4.1), and inadequate workshop equipment required for both GP Rating and CCMC courses (Deficiency Nos. 7 & 9). Further, irregularities in attendance records of the Principal and instructors were noted based on CAS system verification. Additional critical issues include non-compliance in course delivery, particularly insufficient practical training hours and lack of adequate facilities for PST courses at the YMCA swimming pool, which allows only limited sessions (Deficiency No. 14). The infrastructure for exit examinations was also found deficient, as the institute's computers lack inbuilt cameras, contrary to DGS requirements (Deficiency No. 8).

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9. The Advocate Commissioner's report corroborated the findings of MMD, Chennai noting that out of 14 deficiencies, only 4 had been fully complied with, 3 were partially complied with, and 7 remained unrectified. However, the partial compliance with safety-related standards cannot be deemed adequate under the governing regulations and circulars of the Directorate General of Shipping. Maritime safety training mandates comprehensive compliance, and any dilution thereof poses a direct risk to the safety of seafarers, onboard personnel, and vessel operations.

10. Whereas, as clarified by the statutory authority in Writ Petition No. 33481 of 2024, the MTI had misrepresented before the Hon'ble Court that the Basic Safety Training (BST) course portal was closed by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS). The aforesaid misrepresentation was contradicted with evidence to prove that the said portal was in fact automatically locked upon exhaustion of the approved annual capacity of 480 students. Further, the MTI was also noted to have failed to disclose the mismatch between approved annual capacities of 600 students for GP Rating and CCMC combined, and only 480 for BST, thereby attempting to mislead the Hon'ble Court on the portal status and admissions.

11. Whereas, The Hon'ble High Court, vide judgement dated 30.01.2025 in W.P.Nos.30593 of 2023 & 33481 of 2024, directed the respondents to open the portal for BST and CCMC courses with immediate effect, while granting the petitioner a final opportunity to rectify all remaining deficiencies identified by the Advocate Commissioner and the Inspection Committee within one month.

12. Whereas, aggrieved with the judgement dated 30.01.2025, Writ Appeals Nos. 1211 and 1212 of 2025 were preferred by the DGS and the Principal Officer of the Mercantile Marine Department (MMD), Chennai, challenging the common order passed by a learned Single Judge on 30.01.2025 in WP Nos. 30593 of 2023 and 33481 of 2024.

13. Whereas, further the MTI given an undertaking dated 19.03.2025, stating that all deficiencies had been complied with, that was forwarded by the Directorate to MMD, Chennai with direction for compliance verification. Accordingly, MMD, Chennai conducted a verification inspection on 21.03.2025 and found that 09 out of the 10 deficiencies remained unresolved. It was also noted that MTI was conducting G. P. rating Course Batch with a strength of 160 candidates and CCMC course batch comprising of 3 candidates, in violation of the DGS Speaking Order dated. 28.08.2024. The observations were reported from MMD, Chennai to DGS, Mumbai on 24.03.2025.

14. Whereas, a copy of the judgement rendered by the Hon'ble Division Bench in WA 1211, 1212 of 2025 was received at the Directorate and MMD, Chennai on 24.06.2025, wherein it was recorded as:

"5. Today, when the matters are taken up for hearing, the learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for the appellants submitted that the Compliance Report, dated 21.03.2025 has been filed by the first respondent before the appellants and the same is not in dispute. He further submitted that there was a

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hearing on 25.04.2025, on which date, the respondent has appeared. The appellants, after perusing the Compliance Report and the statements made by the respondent, shall pass an order in accordance with law, within a period of two (2) weeks thereafter."

15. Whereas, in pursuance of the judgement dated. 10.06.2025 in WA 1211, 1212 of 2025 and directions dated 30.06.2025 from DGS, Mumbai, an intimation of compliance verification scheduled to be conducted at the MTI on 02.07.2025 was sent from MMD, Chennai to the MTI on 01.07.2025 for its information and readiness.

16. Whereas, during the compliance verification inspection dated. 02.07.2025 by MMD, Chennai, the observed findings are summarised as below:

Sr. No.	Deficiency Description	Governing Circular	Inspection Team Remarks	Compliance Status
1.	MTI is still using dormitory system for the residential candidates	Circular 31 of 2018, Para 2.17.2	Total accommodation for 200 candidates, occupying 49 rooms with 4 candidates and 2 rooms with 2 candidates complying DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018 para 2.17.2. The MTI shown to the inspection team accommodation for 200 students only.	Complied for 200 candidates.
2.	One table, one chair, one table lamp for each candidate and one full length mirror in the hostel room not provided.	Circular 31 of 2018, Para 2.17.4.2	Table and chair for each individual student and full-length mirror per room provided for 51 rooms for 200 candidates intake	Complied for 200 candidates.
3.	Faculty load matrix and faculty details not uploaded one-governance	Circular 31 of 2018, Para 3.5	The MTI reported inability to upload the faculty load matrix to the DGS e-governance portal. While the inspection team accepted submission in the form of hard copy. The load matrix for faculty submitted verified against the CAS attendance for faculty revealed that as on date MTI is holding 3 Nautical Faculty and 2 Engineering faculty with 20 instructors.	Complied for 6 G.P rating and 2 CCMC batches per year

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4.	Equipment and Teaching aids as specified in Annexure for GP Rating not sufficient for 200 candidates. Institute have approval to conduct 9 batches of 40 candidates of GP Rating course per year.	Circular 1 of 2018, Para 4 & Annex 9	It is found that sufficient equipment and teaching aids now adequate and available for 120 GP rating candidates only.	Complied for 120 candidates (3 batches)
5.	MTI not carried out renewal CIP after its expiry on 17.04.2021	DGS Order 4 of 2016, Para 9	DNV as Recognized Organization has conveyed MTI that, CIP will be carried out after closure of all deficiencies noted by MMD.	Not Complied
6.	Depth of the swimming pool is not 12 feet as required.	Training Circular 7 of 2018, Para 2	Although the MTI has increased the depth of the swimming pool to 15 feet, Life raft launching davit with life raft and life boat are required by IMO model course 1.19.	Complied

17. Whereas, in light of the inspection findings dated 02.07.2025, and after due review of the inspection report, PO, MMD, Chennai vide letter No. MMDC/PO/SAC/46/Vol-III/1427, Dated 04.07.2025, has recommended for revision of the extant approvals granted to the M/s. Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime (MTI No. 402008) as:

"Based on the faculty strength, infrastructure, and resources available it is observed that MTI is suitable for conducting 6 batches of GP Rating per year (3 batches in January to June and 3 batches in July to December), 2 batches of CCMC courses per year (1 batch in January to June and 1 batch in July to December), 16 batches of BST course with batch strength of 20 candidates and 16 batches of STSDSD course with batch strength of 20 candidates only. The recommended batch strengths for BST and STSDSD courses are intended exclusively to meet the training of in-house GP rating and CCMC course candidates. Hence it is recommended that approvals for the courses to be conducted at the MTI be revised as below, subject to conditions mentioned therein:

S. No.	Course Name	Recommended Intake & Batches
1.	General Purpose Rating	6 batches/year, 40 candidates per batch

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2.	Certificate Course in Maritime Catering	2 batches/year, 40 candidates per batch
3.	Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties (STSDSD)	16 batches/year, 20 candidates per batch
4.	Basic Safety Training	16 batches/year, 20 candidates per batch

18. Therefore, in view of the prevailing circumstances, and compliance demonstrated by the MTI during the compliance verification inspection conducted on 02.07.2025; and after considering the representations submitted by M/s Cosmopolitan Educational and Social Development Trust and Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime (MTI No. 402008); and in compliance with the Hon'ble Madras High Court's judgment dated 10.06.2025 in WA Nos. 1211 and 1212 of 2025; and under the powers conferred under Rule 4 and Rule 9 of the MS (STCW) Rules, 2014 read with Section 7(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, the Directorate General of Shipping issues the following order:

- (i) In revision of the earlier issued Speaking Order dated 28.08.2024, the course approvals currently granted to M/s. Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime (MTI No. 402008) stand **permanently revised /or revoked** based on the faculty strength, infrastructure, and resources available as detailed below, in accordance with the applicable and governing laws and standards

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3.	Crowd Management, Passenger Safety and Safety Training	TR/A/66/2001	Revoked	Permanently Revoked as withdrawn	Effective immediately
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7.	Training for General Purpose Ratings	TR/A/55/2003	02 batches of 40 students each	06 batches of 40 students each per annum	Effective immediately

- (ii) In view of this Order by which the revised intake now approved for 6 batches of 40 candidates per annum for GP Rating and 2 batches of 40 candidates per annum for CCMC, and in the larger interest of the affected candidates, the MTI is hereby directed to accommodate the excess candidates under the previously unauthorized batches and to re-register the said candidates and allow them to undergo training afresh in the newly approved batches. The fees that the institute already collected shall be setoff for the re-admission of the said candidates till their completion of training. No further fees or charges of any sort shall be payable by the said candidates and similarly the MTI shall also not demand or collect any fee or charges of any sort from the said candidates. Any fee or charges collected by the MTI from the said candidates that is in excess of the prescribed fee, shall be refunded within 10 days of the issuance of this Order. In the alternative to the above, the MTI shall initiate appropriate action to refund the fees collected from candidates admitted beyond the previously approved intake. Any failure to act in accordance with this directive shall attract necessary regulatory action. This Order shall not affect the rights and entitlement of students to raise any / or all claims against the MTI for the training undergone by them in the unauthorised intakes committed by the MTI.
- (iii) MTI shall complete CIP inspection within 3 months from the issuance of this order.
- (iv) Any request for enhancement of the approvals or additional courses, shall only be entertained upon submission of a fresh application by the MTI. Such application shall be supported by documented proof of absolute and continuous compliance with all applicable DGS Orders and Training Circulars. As per the procedure established under the applicable law, the compliance once submitted, shall undergo verification, first through scrutiny of the documentation and subsequently through the course-specific inspection.



- (v) All such requests shall be subject to completion of Comprehensive Inspection Programme (CIP) inspection with reference to relevant DGS circulars and rules that are promulgated / effectuated from time to time.

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