

79 th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 09.07.2026		
S.No	Agenda	Decision Taken
1	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/s HOLY CRESENT MARITIME COLLEGE	The Board noted that the observations raised during the inspection had been satisfactorily complied and subsequently verified during the re-inspection conducted by MMD Kochi. Considering the recommendations of the inspection team and the institute's compliance with the applicable DGS requirements, the Board approved the conduct of the proposed courses with the intake capacities and batch frequencies as recommended by MMD Kochi. Decision: PO MMD Kochi recommendation was accepted.
2	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/s GANPAT UNIVERSITY GOA - VASSUDEVA SALGAOCAR INSTITUTE OF MARITIME STUDIES (VSIMS)	The Board noted the inspection findings and recommendations of MMD Mumbai. During deliberations, CS has raised concerns regarding the proposed arrangement of conducting academic and practical training at different locations, which may not be fully aligned with the existing DGS guidelines and could set a precedent for similar requests from other MTIs. The Board, while noting the merits of the proposal and the recommendations of MMD Mumbai, decided that the matter involves policy implication requiring consideration at a higher level. Accordingly, the matter has been deferred for next STCW Compliance Board Meeting. Decision: The agenda was deferred to next meeting.
3	APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL M/s RAJARAM MAHAVIDYALAY INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERING	MMD Kandla made the presentation and informed that now the MTI is complying with the Ship Board Training criteria of providing more than 70 % of candidates the Shipboard Training from the first batch. MMD Kandla further mentioned that the MTI has been graded in CIP with an A2 grading. Considering the above the Board has agreed with the recommendations of PO, MMD Kandla. CS has suggested that the matter may be submitted to DG Sir/ Addl DG Sir for final decision. Decision: Board has accepted the recommendations made by the PO, MMD Kandla.
4	REPRESENTATION RECEIVED FROM M/S. LATIN INDO MARINE ACADEMY - Regarding Recent Circulars Issued by the Maritime Administrations of Panama and Honduras and Their Implications on the Regulatory Framework Governing Foreign Maritime Training for Indian Seafarers.	The Board observed that the matter has wider regulatory, training, policy, and economic implications, including its impact on the objectives of DGS Orders governing foreign maritime training. Considering the importance and complexity of the issue, the Board recommended that a committee comprising the Nautical Adviser, Principal Officers, and other concerned stakeholders be constituted to undertake a detailed examination of the matter. DDG Training will constitute the committee and then submits its recommendations after detailed deliberation. Decision: The Board recommended constituting a committee for detail examination.
5	CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT	The Board noted that the proposed arrangement could strengthen placement opportunities for trainees; however,

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	M/s COIMBATORE MARINE COLLEGE	considering the legal implications of the change in management structure, it was decided to obtain a legal opinion on the matter. Subject to a favorable legal opinion, the proposal may be considered for acceptance by the Directorate.
6	ZERO TOLERANCE IN TRAINING & SKILLING	It was informed that awareness activities are being undertaken through regular social media campaigns on the Directorate's official platforms and that additional outreach measures.
7	PRIORITY AREAS RELATED TO EDUCATION IN PHASE-2 OF COMPLIANCE REDUCTION AND DEREGULATION	The Board noted that the proposal primarily pertains to relaxation of existing requirements relating to land, infrastructure, and equipment. The Board decided that the matter may be deliberated further in the next STCW Compliance Board Meeting and that any comments or recommendations received from stakeholders shall be considered before arriving at a final view.
8	REVIEW OF LEGAL MATTERS IN TRAINING DIVISION - UPDATES THEREOF	Legal Consultant informed that 19 cases under MMD Kandla are currently active, with no substantive findings or orders having been issued by the courts. It was noted that one case under MMD Mumbai is under process and that the reply to affidavit has already been submitted through the legal counsel. Further, the Board took note of a new case filed before the Delhi High Court by Shri Sudhir Malik, pertaining to the Board of Open Schooling and Skill Education, which falls within the jurisdiction of MMD Noida.
9	Data Repository and Data Analysis of Training Branch.	SEED team gave the presentation on maritime training data covering MTIs, intake, enrolment, placement trends, CIP status, COCs, e-learning, foreign administration-approved courses, and promotional initiatives.
10	APPLICATION FOR IN-PRINCIPLE APPROVAL APPLICANT: DOCKENDALE MARITIME TRAINING ASSOCIATION	The Board noted the observations raised during scrutiny and the subsequent compliance submitted by the institute, including the appropriate lease agreement. After considering the recommendations of MMD Mumbai and the infrastructure, training facilities, and business plan presented by the applicant, the Board approved the grant of in-principle approval to the institute for the proposed courses Decision: PO MMD Mumbai recommendation was accepted.