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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

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

Dated: 28.08.2024

ORDER

1. This Order is issued to M/s. Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime (CTM) (MTI No. 402008) located at Sengadu Post, Ulundai Village, Sriperumbadur Taluk, Sriperumbadur, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu-602002 is 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 was placed on record that the last CIP of the MTI was carried out on 19.4.2018 and the annual inspection of the institute by the inspecting agency was due on 17.4.2019. However, since April 2018, MTI had not gone any CIP in pursuance of DGS Training Circular No. 33 of 2018, Training Circular 10 of 2018, and DGS Order 4 of 2016.
3. Whereas, the Directorate vide letter dated 03.11.2023, 13.11.2023 and 14.11.2023 had informed the CTM that the Principal Officer, MMD, Chennai will conduct preparatory CIP on the 17th November, 2023 and it shall be reviewed and finalized by the D.G. Shipping after preliminary inputs by MMD, Chennai on 23.11.2023. Further it was intimated that matter pertaining to admissibility and batch strength of the Basic Safety Training will be communicated subsequent to the final CIP on 23.11.2023. Whereas, the same was also placed on records to the Hon'ble High Court, Madras in the reply affidavit by the Respondent in WP No. 30593 of 2023.
4. Whereas, the final CIP of the MTI was conducted on 23.11.2023 by the Director General of Shipping along with PO, MMD, Chennai. PO, MMD, Chennai vide letter dated 28.11.2023 forwarded copy of the inspection report to the MTI and informed the MTI that inspecting team has observed several lapses during physical inspection. MTI was requested to submit compliance report within 30 days, so that a team of surveyors can be nominated for verification of compliance, and to take further course of action.
5. Whereas, since compliance report was not received from the MTI, MMD Chennai has requested the MTI to forward the same without any further delay, vide letter dated 29.12.2023.

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6. Whereas, the MMD, Chennai vide letter No. MMDC/PO/SAC/86-I/4028 dated 05.01.2024 has informed the Directorate General of Shipping on the status of compliance verification of the lapses noted during CIP inspection dated 23.11.2023 with specific recommendations as follows;

(1) The preparatory CIP was conducted on 17.11.2023 by surveyors of MMD, Chennai and subsequent finalizing of CIP on 23.11.2023 by DGS, Mumbai and PO, MMD, Chennai.

(2) Vide MMD, Chennai's letter No. MMDC/PO/SAC/46/Vol-III/3399 dated 28.11.2023, the CIP inspection report was issued to Cosmpolitan Technolgy of Maritime, advising the institute to submit compliance report for the observations/deficiencies raised during CIP on 23.11.2023, within in a time period of 30 days from the date of issue of the letter.

(3) However, no response was received from the institute and consequently, a reminder letter dated 29.12.2023 was sent to the institute on the same subject. Regrettably, the reminder also did not elicit a response from the institute.

(4) During the subject CIP, 22 number deficiencies were reported by the inspection team, out of which seven were major deficiencies (S. No. 10, 12, 14, 19, 20, 21 & 22) in meaning with DGS training circulars No. 31 of 2018 and DGS Order 04 of 2016.

(5) The Director of the institute has also filed a W.P. 30593 of 2023 on 18.10.2023 in the Hon'ble High Court of Madras and is still pending for further proceedings, due to inaction of the institute in submitting the compliance report and thereby stalling the completion of CIP.

(6) Since the MTI has not submitted the compliance report for the noted deficiencies during the CIP inspection dated 23.11.2023 to date and not responded to this office letter as referred above, the PO, MMD, Chennai has recommended the following proposal/recommendation;

a) The existing approved Basic Safety Training (BST), Crowd Management, Passenger Safety and Safety Training, Refresher Training for Proficiency in FPFF, Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST and Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties (STSDSD) courses be temporarily blocked in the DGS e-governance system training module till the compliance of deficiencies noted during CIP inspection.

b) The MTI may be advised to submit the compliance report for physical verification to MMD, Chennai with a definite timeline, failing which the approved pre-sea courses viz. Training for General Purpose Rating and Certificate Course in Maritime Catering may be blocked for new admissions in the DGS e-governance training module till the compliance of deficiencies noted during CIP inspection and the existing running pre-sea courses may be allowed to continue till its completion.

7. Whereas, MTI conveyed readiness for the compliance verification inspection on 15.03.2024 and consequently inspection was conducted on 26.03.2024 at the MTI by the inspection team. MMD, Chennai vide Letter No. MMDC/PO/SAC/46/Vol-III/5594 dated 08.04.2024 has forwarded the inspection report to DGS, Mumbai wherein it was stated that 14 deficiencies stand unresolved of the 22 deficiencies noted during the initial inspection. The details of the same are mentioned below;


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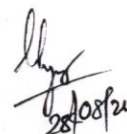
Sl. No.	Details of Deficiency recorded and intimated to MTI No: 402008	Compliance submitted by the MTI	Inspection team Remarks	Non-Compliance of DGS Circular No: (Specific Aspects)
1.	MTI is still using dormitory system for the residential candidates	The required accommodation space per candidate is 4 sq.m but we have 4.7 sq.m space per candidate (a surplus of 0.7 Sq.m per candidate is available). We have accommodated 8 candidates in one room with total of 410.75 sq.ft.	As per the DGS training circular not more than 4 candidates per room is permitted, sufficient time had been provided to all MTIs to comply (two years).	Not complied. Reference DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018, para 2.17.2
2.	One table, One chair, One table lamp for each candidate and one full length mirror in the hostel room not provided	One table, one chair, one table lamp is provided within the room for each candidate and one full length mirror is also fixed in the room.	(i) One full length mirror not provided in any hostel room. (ii) Individual table for each candidate not provided, instead concrete slab or table for two candidates placed. (iii) Individual chairs not provided in some hostel rooms. Chair shared between two candidates.	Not complied. Reference DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018, para 2.17.4.2
3.	All buildings in campus not fitted with fire detection and fire alarm system	All the old fire extinguishers are removed and all the buildings in the campus are fitted with new fire detection and fire alarm system.	Hostel not fitted with fire detection and alarm system, however Labs, classroom and dining hall fitted with fire detection and alarm system.	Not complied. Reference DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018, para 2.5.1
4.	Faculty load matrix and faculty details not uploaded on e-governance	Faculty load matrix and faculty details have been uploaded on e-governance.	Faculty load matrix not updated in e-governance, last faculty matrix updated is for year 2020.	Not complied. Reference DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018, para 3.5


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5.	Faculty details not provided by the institute or uploaded in e-governance.	Faculty details are provided by the MTI and it has been uploaded in e-governance.	Faculty details provided to the inspection team, however it is found that faculty details not updated in e-governance.	Not complied. Reference DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018, para 3.5.2
6.	Quality Management System developed by the MTI does not confirm its policy and process as per STCW requirement detailed in annexure attached to DGS circular.	Quality Management System is developed with institute policy and processed as per STCW requirements. The ISO inspection is completed and the MTI has also received the ISO circular.	New QMS prepared, however not in compliance with DGS Training Circular 23 of 2020. Ex policy statement does not include STCW specifically mentioned in checklist attached to the circular.	Not complied. Reference DGS Circular No. 23 of 2020. Training Circular No, 31 para 1.11.1, 1.11.2
7.	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	Equipment and Teaching Aids as specified is provided sufficiently for all GP Rating candidates.	Sufficient equipment and teaching aids not adequate and available for 200 candidates. Ex lathe machine, drill machine, drill bits, UTI tape, working life vest, de-mucking winch, watertight door with frame, boiler safety valve, welding sets, e.t.c.	Not complied. Reference Training Circular No. 01 of 2018, para 4, Annexure 9
8.	Few computers do not have inbuilt camera as required for exit exams	All computers are newly arranged with inbuilt cameras as required for exit exam.	25 computers procured with inbuilt camera, however UUID and IP address yet to approved by MMT DGS.	Not complied. Reference DGS Circular No. 21 of 2022, para 5.
9.	Equipment required to conduct CCMC course not sufficient as per annexure 7.	Equipment and Teaching Aids as specified is provided sufficiently for all CCMC candidates.	Sufficient equipment not available as per annexure 7. Ex. Training galley station, stainless steel work table, Stainless steel sink, meat mincer, Dining table of ship type with	Not complied. Reference Training Circular No. 7 of 2010, para 4, Annexure 7

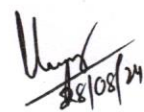
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			adjustable side rails, cabin resembling ship's cabin etc.	
10.	Placement for onboard training.	Placement for onboard training is going on without any fail. Tie up letters are available.	The placement of candidates for onboard training is poor. Data extracted from e-governance website for last three batch is as below. Batch ending Dec 2021. Result publish 23.05.2022 candidate placed 19/65, Percentage placement: 29.2% Batch ending June 2022- Result publish 16.08.2022 candidate placed 71/192, percentage placement: 36.9% Batch ending Dec 2022- Result publish 06.02.2024 candidate placed 77/155, percentage placement: 49.6%	Not complied. Training Circular No. 30 of 2018, para 1.12.5
11.	MTI has not implemented Centralised Attendance System as required.	MTI has implemented Biometric Attendance System to all candidates.	MTI not installed CAS system as on date and still using old system.	Not complied. Reference Training Circular No 14 of 2020, para 5.
12.	MTI not carried out renewal CIP after its expiry on 17.04.2021	Regarding the CIP inspection, it has been duly noted to the Directorate General of Shipping that despite repeated intimations to RO's, none of the RO's had come forward to complete the CIP inspection due to	CIP inspection not carried out. MTI had approached RO to carry out CIP audit. RO did not accepted the request in view of non-availability of surveyors/auditor.	Not complied. Reference DGS Order No. 4 of 2016, para 9


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		non-availability of auditors. Following which, the current inspection is in due process.		
13.	Course in charge not done AECS course	Course in charge has done training to trainers. Course in Charge has applied for AECS Course.	AECS course is developed to support the implementation of the code, addresses regulation of Convention and meet the minimum requirement for providing knowledge to enhance skill of examiner, administrator, supervisor etc. Course in charge shall undertake AECS course. Presently Principal as course in charge has only booked the course and not undergone the course.	Not complied. Reference Training Circular No. 25 of 2018. Para 5
14.	Depth of the swimming pool is not 12 feet as required.	DG has discussed to proceed according to Tamilnadu Government guidelines for swimming pool. MTI has swimming pool in correct length, Breath and depth, tie up with other MTI is also available. If there is a need for construction of new swimming pool need one year more.	MTI not in compliance with DGS circular. Tie up letter is 25 years old and has lost its relevance. Institute informed that new letter will be produced shortly.	Not complied. Reference Training Circular No. 07 of 2018. Para 2.

8. Whereas, after review of the inspection report, it is stated by the PO, MMD, Chennai that the lapse no's. 3, 4 & 5 are partially complied with reference to compliance submitted by the MTI and findings of the inspection team. It was further stated that three of the aforementioned deficiencies at no's. 7, 9 & 14 are categorized as major, in line with DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018.


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9. Whereas, numerous complaints were received at DGS, Mumbai from the candidates, regarding levying extra fees for GP Rating Course candidates, withholding of certificates, Delay in applying for CDC and extra charging fees for application of CDC and travel expenses for the course. The complaints were forwarded to MMD, Chennai for verification on 04.04.2024. Subsequently, MTI's Principal was called for clarification on the above complaints on 18.04.2024 at MMD, Chennai, but the Principal did not appear due to reported illness. MTI representative submitted documents for clarification on 19.04.2024. On scrutiny of submitted documents, the Principal Officer, MMD, Chennai called for a physical inspection of the MTI. The same was carried out on 25.04.2024 with prior intimation vide email dated 24.04.2024.

10. Whereas, upon verification of the compliances that were declared to have been made by the MTI, during the inspection of MTI on 25.04.2024, it was reported by the inspection team that neither the Principal nor the Director of the institute was available at the institute and the verification was carried out with the administrative staff and course instructors. No faculty was available during inspection and it was noted that the instructors have been taking the classes of the students. Further, it is noted from attendance records that one of the teaching faculty is attending the college at 5 am in the morning but he is not available at the time of inspection. This is observed to be a major deficiency in accordance with para 6.4.1 of DGS Training Circular No.31 of 2018.

11. Whereas, it has been brought to light in that said inspection dated 25.04.2024, that MTI is currently levying a fee of one lakh fifty thousand rupees, purportedly inclusive of uniform, INDOS, CDC application, hostel accommodation, and meals. This information was corroborated through receipts and interviews with current students. However, upon further investigation, it was discovered that candidates who completed GP rating classes in December 2023 disclosed paying a total sum of Rs. 1,90,000 for the course, with payments made in both cash and online methods, directly to MTI or through agents. It is noted with concern that many candidates were unable to produce documentation, indicating a lack of transparency in fee management practices. This is in disregard to the DGS advisory note issued vide. No. TR/CIR/6(6)/2017 dated. 22.01.2018 and also a major deficiency in accordance with para 6.4.1 of DGS Training Circular No.31 of 2018.

12. Whereas, it has been observed that candidates from July 2023 to December 2023 batches have faced delays in applying for Continuous Discharge Certificates (CDC) due to the non-conduct of Basic Safety Training (BST) courses. This delay is attributed to MTI admitting 240 external candidates for BST courses, resulting in a backlog for resident candidates and hindering their CDC applications. Thus failing to observe DGS guidelines for not applying CDC or conducting BST course within three months of commencement of the GP rating course in accordance with Para 17-D of DGS Training Circular 1 of 2018.

13. Whereas, it has been brought to light of the statutory authorities that MTI is withholding certificates, including that of SSC and passports of candidates under the pretext that the same are required for processing of CDC application. Despite assurances of document return post-application, delays in CDC processing have led to prolonged retention of these crucial documents, causing inconvenience to candidates. This is observed to be a major deficiency in accordance with para 6.4.1 of DGS Training Circular No.31 of 2018.

14. Whereas, it has been reported that MTI is charging additional fees for CDC application and travel expenses, with candidates disclosing an extra charge of Rs. 5000 per applicant. Despite inquiries, administrative staff have remained non-committal,

directing queries to the Director, thus raising concerns about fee transparency and accountability. This is observed to be a major deficiency in accordance with para 6.4.1 of DGS Training Circular No.31 of 2018.

15. Whereas, allegations have surfaced regarding the utilization of MTI premises for B.Ed and M.Ed classes, with evidence of information displayed on the Website of Cosmopolitan College of Education (CCE) suggesting similarities in addresses, contact details, and facilities. It has also come to light that the principal of CCE is also the English faculty of GP Rating Courses further strengthening the reason for the allegation. It was also alleged by the candidates that the evidences in this regard are removed from the premises upon inspection announcements. This further exacerbates the concerns and indicates potential misconduct. Thus violating the conditions specified under para 2.1.3 of DGS Training Circular 31 of 2018 & para 1.13 of DGS order 07 of 2016.

16. Whereas, the MTI could not produce video recording of practical training for BST course as required by the para 4.5 of DGS Training Circular 31 of 2018 during inspection. The MTI has tied up with another MTI for a mockup facility for Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (FPFF) which is part of the BST Course. During inspection, the students have stated that the MTI hasn't sent for practical training to the tie up MTI for FPFF. This is observed to be a major deficiency in accordance with para 6.4.1 of DGS Training Circular No.31 of 2018.

17. Whereas, M/s. Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime, Sriperumbudur was served with Show Cause notice dated 21.05.2024, to which the MTI replied on dt. 31.05.2024 and 03.06.2024. The replies received from the MTI, were reviewed by the inspection team and the comments from the inspection were forwarded to the Directorate via email dt. 26.06.2024 from MMD, Chennai. It was found that a total of 14 deficiencies stand unresolved, of which 3 no's are major deficiency in nature.

18. Whereas, PO, MMD, Chennai vide letter No. MMDC/PO/SAC/46/Vol-III/1219, Dated. 10.07.2024, recommended that:

- a. The existing approved Crowd Management, Passenger Safety and Safety Training, Refresher Training for Proficiency in FPFF and Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST courses be temporarily blocked in DGS e-governance system training module till the compliance of deficiencies noted during inspection and the existing running courses may be allowed to continue till its completion.
- b. Till the time satisfactory compliance is received, the existing approval of 9 batches per year of 40 candidates each for G.P. rating Course may be downsized to 2 batches per year of 40 candidates each in light of the observation made by the inspection team during the compliance verification that "Sufficient Equipment and Teaching aid not adequate for a single batch. Attached complete ROB as on date". Consequently the existing approval of 24 batches of 20 students each for Basic Safety Training (BST) may be downsized to 4 batches of 20 students each, to curb the misuse of BST seats for the students other than those who enrolled for the G.P. Rating Course. Existing approval for STSDSD course of 96 batches of 24 students each may also be downsized in line with batch strength of G.P. Rating Course, i.e to 4 batches per year of 24 students each.
- c. The existing approval for Certificate Course in Maritime Catering course may be blocked after the existing batch is completed, owing to inadequacy and


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unavailability of the equipment required for the conduct of the course as observed in one of the major deficiencies during the inspection as "Equipment required to conduct CCMC course not sufficient as per annexure 7".

- d. The MTI may be advised to submit the satisfactory compliance to MMD, Chennai within a definite timeline preferably of 6 months, failing which the revised batch size and frequency of pre-sea courses viz. Training for General Purpose Ratings, BST, and STSDSD may be blocked for new admissions in the DGS e-governance training module till the compliance of deficiencies noted during the inspection and the existing running pre-sea courses may be allowed to continue till its completion.

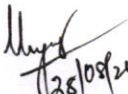
17. Your non-compliance and/ or lack of continued compliance, as narrated above, with applicable laws and measures, have seriously and adversely affected and/ or are capable of seriously and/or adversely affecting, the MTI's performance as a DGS-approved maritime training institute and the students' output quality.

18. Your non-compliance and/ or lack of continued compliance also constitute an intentional violation of instructions of DGS, with a motive to circumvent any or all applicable and governing laws and standards [DGS Training Circular 1 of 2018, 31 of 2018, No. TR/CIR/6(6)/2017 dated 22.01.2018, DGS Order 07 of 2016].

19. The above matter has been deliberated in the 33rd STCW Compliance Board meeting and decide that the speaking order including PO, MMD, Chennai recommendation may be issued.

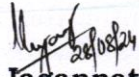
20. Therefore, having been vested with the statutory duty and powers to continuously monitor the MTI, which is functioning under the approval of DGS, and to conduct necessary inspection and verification of the MTI; in view of the above serious major non-conformities and prosecutable offences committed 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	406 batches of 0 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


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4	Refresher Training for Proficiency in PFPP	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
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

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.


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