

Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)

Application to Facilities and Vessels

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Highlights of Presentation

- Current status
- Who must get a TWIC
- Use of TWIC for access control
- Secure areas
- Escorting
- Facility Security Plans



Current Status – Deployment & Compliance

- **NVIC Policy Guidance published July 6th**
- **July 25th due date to redefine secure areas pushed back to September 4th**
- **Vessel and Mariner national compliance 25 Sept 2008**
- **Facilities will have a phased-in compliance, based on COTP zone.**
 - **Dates announced in Federal Register & publicized locally.**
 - **Mariners can gain unescorted access to facilities before 25 Sept 2008 by showing MMD, License/ID, or COR/ID.**
- **After compliance, Coast Guard will conduct spot checks with hand-held TWIC readers**



Who must get a TWIC?

- Mariners and individuals who need unescorted access to secure areas of a vessel or facility will need to obtain a TWIC.
- Vessel/facility owners/operators determine who needs unescorted access to their vessel or facility.
- The following communities are expected to need frequent access to secure areas in the course of their employment and therefore need to obtain a TWIC:
 - Vessel crew (in addition to credentialed mariners)
 - Longshoremen
 - Drayage truckers
 - Facility employees
 - Truckers bringing cargo to a facility or picking up cargo at a facility
 - Surveyors
 - Agents
 - Chandlers
 - Port chaplains
 - Casual laborers
 - Other maritime professionals



Using TWIC as a Visual Identity Badge

- The TWIC will be used as a visual identity badge or “flash pass”.
- Verification of the TWIC must include the following:
 - Match of the photo on the TWIC to the person presenting it;
 - Verification that the TWIC has not expired, based on the date printed on the face of the credential; and
 - A visual check of the security features present on the TWIC to ensure that the credential has not been forged or tampered with.
- The individual conducting the verification of the TWIC must possess a TWIC.
- Once an individual is granted unescorted access to a secure area, he/she should maintain the TWIC on their person or in a location where it can be retrieved with in a reasonable time (approximately 10 minutes).



Secure Area

- A secure area is defined as “the area over which an owner/operator has implemented security measures for access control” to reduce the probability of a TSI.
- Secure area and restricted area are not the same.
- For facilities, the secure area is the entire area within the outer-most access control perimeter, with the exception of public access area.
- Secure areas, employee access areas, passenger access areas, and public access areas must be clearly marked on vessels and facilities in accordance with 104.200 and 105.200.



Secure Area – Redefinition

- Facilities with a significant non-maritime transportation portion may request to redefine their secure area
- Some restricted areas may be eligible for placement outside of the secure area, but the following should always be included:
 - Shore areas immediately adjacent to each vessel moored at the facility;
 - Areas designated for loading, unloading or storage of cargo and stores; and
 - Areas containing cargo consisting of dangerous goods or hazardous substances, including certain dangerous cargoes.
- Redefinition of the secure area does not change the MTSA-regulated geographic area of the facility
- FSP amendments must be submitted to the COTP by September 4, 2007



Escorting

- **“Escorting” means ensuring that the escorted individual is continuously accompanied while within a secure area in a manner sufficient to observe whether the escorted individual is engaged in activities other than those for which escorted access was granted**
- This can be accomplished through monitoring or physical, side-by-side accompaniment.
- The owner/operator is responsible for determining how escorting will be carried out
- In secure areas that are also restricted areas must have side-by-side accompaniment.
- All escorts must have a TWIC.
- Note: We expect that individuals who frequently access secure areas in the course of their employment will obtain TWICs and therefore will be eligible for unescorted access.



Escorting – continued

- Secure but non-restricted areas
 - Appropriate physical accompaniment exists with 1 TWIC holder escorting no more than 10 non-TWIC holders
 - Monitoring
 - Must enable sufficient observation of the individual with a means to respond if they are observed to be engaging in unauthorized activities or in an unauthorized area.
 - CCTV can be used to meet this requirement as long as systems are monitored and would allow the operator to see in sufficient detail the criteria above.
- Secure areas that are also restricted areas
 - Escorting must be accomplished by side-by-side accompaniment with a TWIC holder. Appropriate physical accompaniment exists with 1 TWIC holder escorting no more than 5 non-TWIC holders.
- Vehicles – Escorting ratios don't apply in this specific case
- Passengers in cruise ship embarkation area – considered escorted due to additional security already required by 33 CFR 105.290.
- Temporary shut downs at facilities – may establish areas where escorting procedures are different



Adding TWIC into VSP/FSP

- The TWIC provisions DO NOT have to be incorporated into VSPs/FSPs at this time.
- They will need to be incorporated at the next regularly scheduled submission, 5 years from the latest approval date of the plan.
- While owners/operators do not need to amend their plans, they do need to comply with the TWIC requirements, as stated in 33 CFR 104.405(b), 105.405(b), and 106.405(b).
- The only exception to this is facility owners/operators who wish to redefine their secure area.



TWIC Program Help Desks & Hotlines

- **TSA website –** WWW.TSA.GOV/TWIC
 - Enrollment information
 - Deployment Schedule (when finalized)
- **Enrollment Contractor –**
 - Phone - **866-DHS-TWIC**
- **USCG website -** HOMEPORT.USCG.MIL
 - Final Rulemaking
 - NVIC
 - FAQs
- **USCG Helpdesk –**
 - Phone - 877-687-2243 (**877-MTSA-AID**)
 - Email – USCG-TWIC-HELPDESK@USCG.MIL

