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