

Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) and the 33 CFR Subchapter H Update Project

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Introduction

The Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) is a high-tech biometric identification card for:

- All individuals who require unescorted access to secure areas of MTSA regulated vessels (>11,000), facilities (>3,200), and Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) facilities (50), which includes but is not limited to longshoremen, truck drivers, vendors, facility/vessel employees, maintenance personnel, etc.
 - All USCG credentialed merchant mariners (>200,000)
 - All vessel pilots
 - All individuals employed aboard vessels that push, pull, haul or tow alongside tank vessels
 - We estimate 750,000 – 1,500,000 maritime workers will require a TWIC
 - Does not apply to foreign mariners



Joint U.S. Federal agency effort

- Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Responsibilities
 - TWIC enrollment
 - Security threat assessment and adjudication
 - Card production
 - TWIC issuance
 - Appeal/waiver for TWIC denials
 - Technology/TSA system management
- USCG Responsibilities
 - Enforce use of TWIC at MTSA regulated vessels, facilities and OCS facilities
 - Develop and distribute field and industry guidance
 - Conduct biometric checks as part of facility and vessel compliance inspections

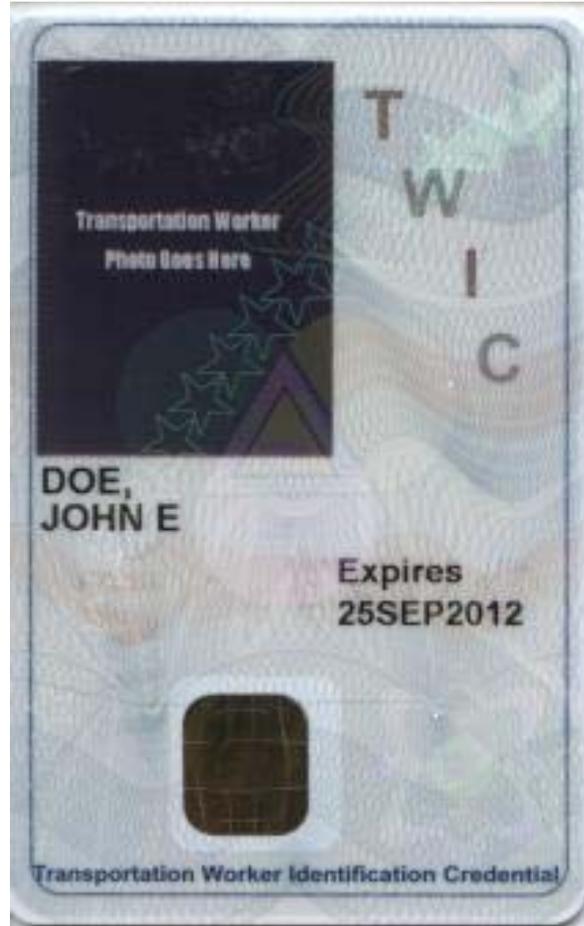


Future Milestones – Compliance

- MTSA regulated vessels and all U.S. credentialed mariners currently have a compliance date of April 15, 2009.
- Facilities will have a phased-in, regional compliance date.
 - Deployment schedule is forthcoming.
 - Dates announced nationally & publicized locally.
 - Mariners can gain unescorted access to facilities before April 15, 2009, by showing certain U.S. Coast Guard issued credentials.
- Initial enrollment and issuance is scheduled to be completed by April 15, 2009. This will be the date for nationwide compliance for vessels, facilities and mariners.



TWIC example



TWIC Program Help Desks & Hotlines

- **TSA website – WWW.TSA.GOV/TWIC**
 - Enrollment information
 - Deployment Schedule
 - Enrollment Locations
 - Pre-Enrollment
- **Enrollment Contractor –**
 - Phone - **866-DHS-TWIC**
- **USCG website - HOMEPORT.USCG.MIL**
 - Final Rulemaking
 - NVIC
 - FAQs
 - Small Business Guides
 - TWIC Security Features (CSO, FSO, VSO, AMSC members only)
- **USCG Helpdesk –**
 - Phone - 877-687-2243 (**877-MTSA-AID**)
 - Email – USCG-TWIC-HELPDESK@USCG.MIL



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- Proposes to update the “MTSA” regulations to incorporate feedback from CG field units and industry since original rule was published in 2003.
- Consolidates into regulation appropriate Policy Advisory Council decisions and Help Desk responses (over 2000 questions).
- Add specific requirements as directed in the Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation Act of 2006 and the SAFE Port Act of 2006
- Goal is to clarify and solidify current interpretation of the regulations and resolve issues that have surfaced over the past few years.



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- Additionally, this project will:
 - Provide more defined screening standards for facilities and vessels
 - Establish personnel training standards in line with IMO mandatory and non-mandatory standards



Subchapter H Update - Status

- Workplan (HQ permission to proceed with project) has been approved
- NPRM includes input received from CTAC and our responses
- Regulatory team is concurrently working on finalizing the NPRM to route for clearance in CGHQ
- Once clearance is complete within CGHQ, the draft NPRM and the Regulatory Analysis must be approved by DHS and OMB
- When NPRM is published, we invite CTAC to give further comments and suggestions.

