

***Transportation Worker
Identification Credential (TWIC)***
Executive Summary



What It Is...

- On January 25, 2007 the Department of Homeland Security in conjunction with the TSA and the USCG published the Final Rule regarding the requirements for a **Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)**.
- The regulation requires that all credentialed US Merchant Mariners and **all individuals requiring unescorted access** to secure areas of MTSA regulated vessels and facilities (33 CFR Parts 104, 105, & 106) to obtain a TWIC card.
- It is anticipated that the government will further require TWIC credentials to be used for chemical facilities, critical infrastructures, and HAZMAT transportation.



Summary of Regulation Requirements



- As stated previously, all individuals requiring **unescorted** access to secure areas of a facility must obtain a TWIC.
- There are two phases to the implementation of TWIC
 - Phase One – Issuance of the TWIC Credential
 - Phase Two – Technology Implementation



Summary of Regulation Requirements



- There is a significant cost associated with obtaining a TWIC: one must travel to a TWIC enrollment center and apply in person, be fingerprinted, photographed, interviewed, and pay the fee.
- The credential is expected to cost \$139 per ID card.
- TSA will conduct a Security Threat Assessment (STA) on all applicants consisting of the following components in order to determine whether or not the individual poses a security threat:
 - Fingerprint-based criminal history records check (performed by the FBI)
 - Intelligence-related check to identify potential ties to terrorism (performed by TSA)
 - Immigration Status (performed by USCIS)



Compliance Dates

Type of Operation	Compliance Dates
Vessels (33 CFR 104)	20 months after published date (1/3/07) – Sept 2008
Facilities (33 CFR 105)	By COTP Zone – date to be published in Federal Register
OCS Facilities (33 CFR 106)	20 months after published date (1/3/07) – Sept 2008



Enforcement

- The USCG enforce this by scheduled and unscheduled inspections, where they will ask to see individual's TWIC cards and verify their authenticity using handheld readers.
- Non-compliance carries significant penalties, both Civil and Criminal.
- Civil Penalties includes a fine up to \$25,000 per violation and Cessation of Operations.
- Criminal Penalties (a class D felony) can be assessed against individuals or the company.



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