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MARITIME SAFETY & SECURITY BULLETIN 20-09

Enforcement of the Transportation Safety Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Requirements begins April 15th, 2009

Maritime Professionals:

If you currently hold a Coast Guard issued credential (license, document, or certificate of registry) you need a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)! If you access a secure area of a port or vessel as part of your job, chances are you also need a TWIC, even if you don't need a license!

If you don't have a TWIC – APPLY IMMEDIATELY!

What is a TWIC and why do you need it?

- The TWIC is a biometric card required by Congress in law.
- All Coast Guard credentialed merchant mariners must have a TWIC. Failure to have a TWIC may result in the suspension or revocation of your Coast Guard license or document!

How can you enroll for your TWIC?

- You can pre-enroll, find an enrollment center, and schedule an appointment online via <http://www.tsa.gov/twic> or by calling 1-866-DHS-TWIC.
- Otherwise, just walk in to the closest enrollment center to complete the initial application. You'll be notified when your card is ready – and you'll need to return to activate it.

How much does a TWIC cost?

- A TWIC costs \$132.50 and is good for five years. A reduced fee of \$105.25 is available to holders Merchant Mariner Document (MMD) issued after Feb. 3, 2003; and holders of Merchant Marine License (MML) issued after Jan. 13, 2006.

Remember: Coast Guard credentialed merchant mariners who fail to obtain a TWIC by April 15, 2009, may have their license or document suspended or revoked! Non-mariners who fail to obtain a TWIC by April 15, 2009, will be ineligible for unescorted access to vessels!

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