# **Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)**

Consolidation of Merchant Mariner Qualification Credentials (MMC)

Joint TSA/USCG NPRM Public Meeting

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security **United States Coast Guard** 



#### **Docket Management System (DMS)**

- DMS website <a href="http://dms.dot.gov/">http://dms.dot.gov/</a>
- Fax number and mailing address also available in NPRM page 29396
- Send comments to appropriate docket
  - TWIC NPRM
    - TSA portions of TWIC (title 49) to TSA-2006-24191
    - USCG portions of TWIC to USCG-2006-24196
  - MMC NPRM
    - USCG-2006-24371





#### **Agenda**

- TWIC Overview
- Amended CFRs (Panel overview, followed by comments)
  - Title 49
  - Title 33
  - Title 46 (MMC)
- Open Comment
- Close





#### **Introductions**

- Public Meeting Panel of Experts
  - TSA
    - Mr. Steve Rybicki
    - Mr. John Schwartz
  - USCG
    - CAPT Frank Sturm
    - CDR Peter Gautier





#### **TWIC Overview**

- TWIC is a biometric identification credential
- Enrollment and issuance conducted by TSA contractors
- Issuance based on a security threat assessment conducted by TSA
- Initially for individuals requiring "unescorted" access to secure areas of USCG MTSA regulated (~3,500) facilities and (~10,800) vessels and all USCG credentialed merchant mariners



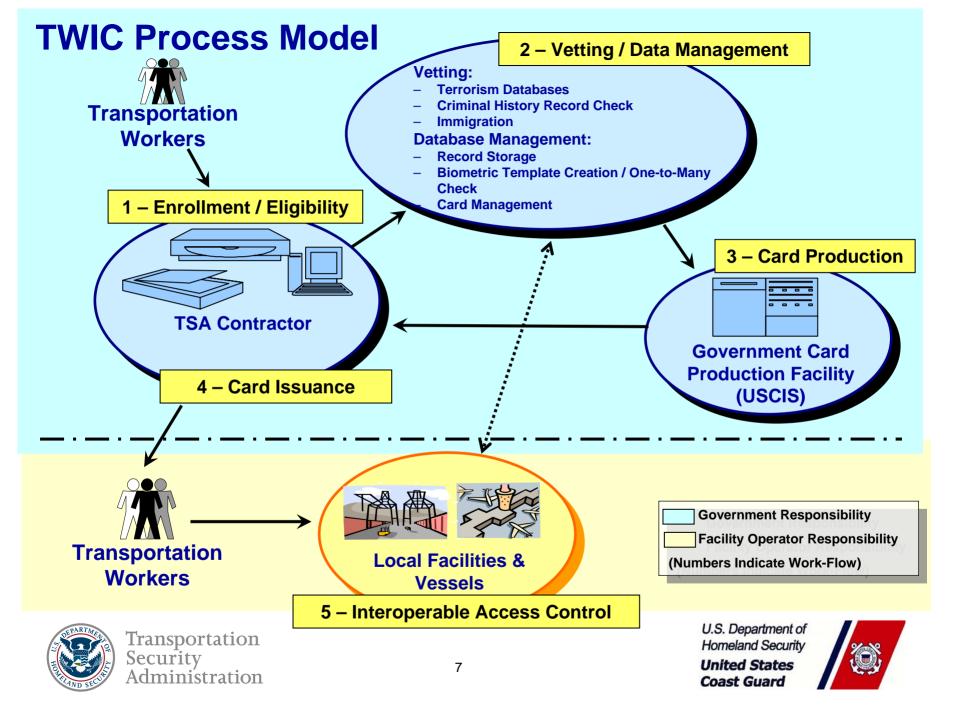


#### **TWIC Overview**

- Designed to be a multimodal transportation credential
  - DHS considering follow-on rulemakings for additional modes outside of maritime
- Maritime enrollment scheduled to begin by the end of calendar year 2006
  - Projected 18 month timeline to complete initial enrollment
  - Enrollment centers will be located at sites throughout the country







#### **Enrollment process**

#### Pre-enrollment

- Web-based
- Recommended, but not mandatory
- Will reduce time at enrollment center if completed beforehand

#### Enrollment

- Will have enrollment centers located throughout the country during the enrollment period
- Applicant provides biographic, biometric, and identity documents at the enrollment center and completes the application process





#### **Enrollment process (cont.)**

#### Security Threat Assessment

- Conducted by TSA
- Applicant will be notified when the credential is ready to be picked up OR
- Applicant will be notified if he/she may be disqualified and of his/her appeal and waiver rights

#### Credential Pick up

 Applicant returns to enrollment center to claim credential for use at MTSA regulated vessels, facilities, and OCS facilities





#### **DHS Agency Responsibilities**

#### TSA Responsibilities

- TWIC enrollment
- Security threat assessment and adjudication
- Card production
- TWIC issuance
- Appeal/waiver for TWIC denials
- Technology/TSA system management

#### USCG Responsibilities

- Enforcing use of TWIC in accordance with approved vessel, facility, and OCS facility security plans
- MMC





#### **Applicability**

- Who must get a TWIC?
  - All individuals who require unescorted access to secure areas of MTSA regulated vessels, facilities, and OCS facilities
    - This includes, but is not limited to:
      - Longshoremen, truck drivers, vendors, facility/vessel employees, maintenance personnel, train crews, etc.
  - All USCG credentialed merchant mariners





#### **Amended CFRs**

- The proposed rule amends:
  - 49 CFR Parts 1515, 1570 and 1572 (TSA Hazardous Materials Endorsement Regulations)
  - 33 CFR Parts 101, 103, 104, 105 and 106 (USCG Maritime Security Regulations)
  - 46 CFR Parts 10, 11, 12
     (USCG Mariner Credentialing Regulations)

(Additional minor changes are included in other Title 33 & 46 parts)





#### TSA changes to 49 CFR 1572

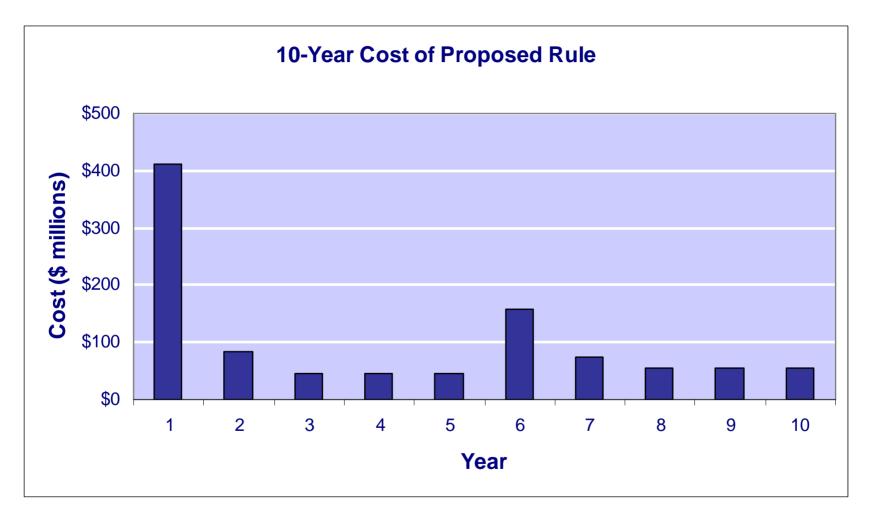
Amends part 1572, which currently applies to hazmat drivers, to:

- Add TWIC applicants as subject to security threat assessment requirements
- Requires TWIC applicants to provide biographic and biometric information TSA needs for the security threat assessment and credential production
- Requires that equipment, such as the biometric reader, conforms to FIPS 201-1 performance standards
- Ensures all applicants have opportunity to appeal results of threat assessment, to correct cases of mistaken identity or inaccurate court records
- Ensures applicants disqualified due to previous criminal activity or mental incapacity may apply for a waiver by showing mitigating factors





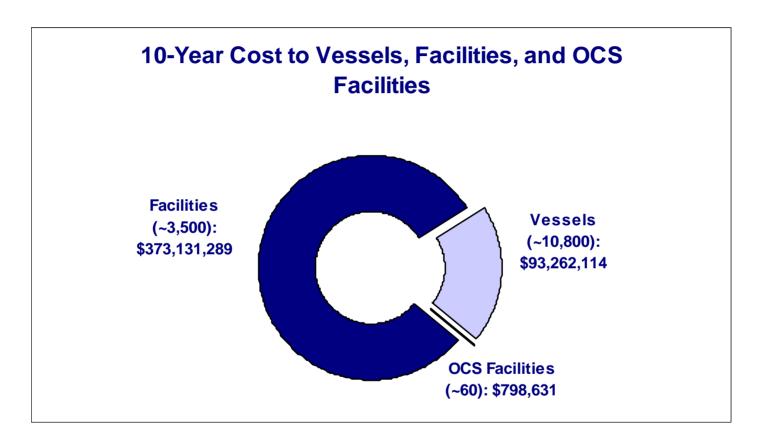
#### **Estimated Economic Impact of Proposed Rules**







## **Estimated Economic Impact to Vessels, Facilities, and OCS Facilities**

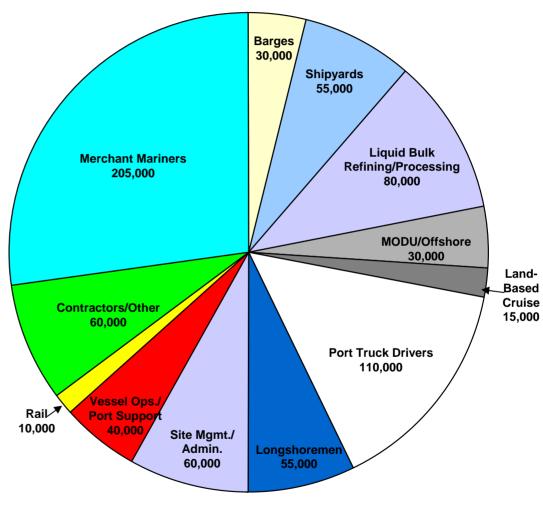






#### **TWIC Estimated Maritime Population**

- Estimated population 750,000
- Estimate based on population survey of more than 40 U.S. ports, as well as subject matter expert interviews
- Survey and extrapolation performed by TSA and USCG







#### **Estimated TWIC Fees**

TWIC Enrollment Category	Estimated Fee Level
Standard TWIC Enrollment	\$139
Hazmat/Mariner/FAST TWIC Enrollment	\$105 <sup>1</sup>
Lost/Damaged Card Replacement	\$36 <sup>2</sup>

- TWIC user fees must fully offset program costs
- Standard user fee charged to applicant will cover:
  - Enrollment
  - Threat assessment and adjudication, including appeals and waivers
  - Card production
  - TSA program and systems costs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Does not include FBI's CHRC, TSA's threat assessment, and estimated enrollment costs

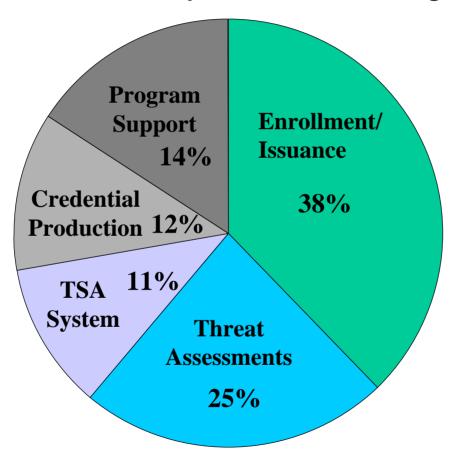




<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Does not include FBI's Criminal History Records Check (CHRC) and TSA's related adjudication costs

#### Estimated TWIC Program Cost/Fee Breakdown (\$139)

The standard TWIC Fee is composed of the following cost components:







#### **TWIC Security Threat Assessment**

- Criminal History Records Check
  - Fingerprint and Name Based
  - Permanent Disqualifiers
  - Interim Disqualifiers
- Legal status
  - U.S. citizen
  - Lawful permanent resident
  - Certain others with unrestricted employment authorization
- Intelligence/Terrorism Check





#### **Disqualifying Offenses**

- (a) Permanent disqualifying criminal offenses -- <u>Unlimited look back</u>
  - (1) Espionage or conspiracy to commit espionage
  - (2) Sedition or conspiracy to commit sedition
  - (3) Treason or conspiracy to commit treason
  - (4) A crime listed in 18 U.S.C. Chapter 113B—Terrorism or conspiracy to commit such crime
  - (5) A crime involving a TSI (transportation security incident)
  - (6) Improper transportation of a hazardous material
  - (7) Unlawful possession, use, sale, distribution, manufacture, purchase...or dealing in an explosive or explosive device
  - (8) Murder
  - (9) Conspiracy or attempt to commit the crimes in this paragraph (a)
  - (10) Certain RICO (Racketeer influenced and Corrupt Organizations) Act violations





#### **Disqualifying Offenses (cont.)**

- (b) Interim disqualifying criminal offenses -- Conviction within 7 years, or release from incarceration within 5 years of application, includes wants & warrants associated with crimes
  - (1) Assault with intent to murder
  - (2) Kidnapping or hostage taking
  - (3) Rape or aggravated sexual abuse
  - (4) Unlawful possession, use, sale, manufacture, purchase, distribution...or dealing in a firearm or other weapon
  - (5) Extortion
  - (6) Dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation, including identity fraud
  - (7) Bribery
  - (8) Smuggling
  - (9) Immigration violations
  - (10) Lesser Violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act
  - (11) Robbery
  - (12) Distribution, possession w/ intent to distribute, or importation of a controlled substance
  - (13) Arson
  - (14) Conspiracy





#### **Open for Comments on Title 49**

- Approximately 1 hour and 15 min
- Please state your name and association
- Four (4) minutes per speaker





#### USCG Changes to 33 CFR 101-106

- New terms defined, including:
  - Secure Area
    - The area over which a facility/vessel exercises access control
  - Unescorted Access
    - Having the authority to enter and move about a secure area without escort
  - Recurring Unescorted Access
    - Authorization to enter a vessel on a continual basis after an initial personal identity and credential verification, as outlined in the vessel security plan
  - Passenger Access Areas
    - A defined space within the access control area of a ferry or passenger vessel that is open to passengers





## USCG Changes to 33 CFR 101-106 (cont.) Access Control Requirements

- Adds the requirements that facility, vessel, & OCS facility owners/operators:
  - May allow only persons who hold a TWIC to have unescorted access to secure areas of the facility or vessel
  - Must establish a TWIC Program to implement
     TWIC requirements
  - Must submit a TWIC Addendum to existing approved security plan that describes the TWIC Program





## USCG Changes to 33 CFR 101-106 Requirements for Vessels, Facilities & OCS Facilities

- Security Plan updates TWIC Addendum
  - Submitted w/in 6 months of final rule publication date
  - Approved by COTP/Marine Safety Center/District
     Commander
- Operating under plan w/in 12-18 months (based on when enrollment has been completed in the port in which the vessel/facility is operating/located)





#### USCG Changes to 33 CFR 101-106 Requirements for Vessels, Facilities & OCS Facilities (cont.)

- Owners/operators would be responsible for:
  - Verifying that individuals requesting unescorted access have a TWIC
  - Verifying that TWICs are valid
  - Implementing appropriate access control measures based on graduated security requirements in line with MARSEC Levels





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### USCG Changes to 46 CFR Consolidation of Merchant Mariner Qualification Credentials

- MMD + License + STCW Endorsement + COR = Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC)
- TWIC is an identification credential and will remove the need for an MMD to serve as a mariner's identification card
- MMC is a certificate that serves as a mariner's qualification credential. It contains endorsements for job qualifications much like a Merchant Mariner's License or an STCW Endorsement.





#### Reorganization of Parts 10-16 of Title 46:

- Part 10 General
- Part 11 Officers
- Part 12 Ratings
- Part 13 Tankermen
- Part 14 Shipment and Discharge
- Part 15 Manning
- Part 16 Chemical Testing

Much of current 10.101 to 10.223 and 12.01-1 to 12.02-29 consolidated into new part 10





#### **USCG Changes to 46 CFR**

- Changes are proposed in the application process, not to the service, training or other requirements to obtain a credential
  - Must hold a TWIC
  - Fingerprints and proofs of ID must be provided at a TWIC enrollment center
  - TSA will conduct security threat assessment and share fingerprints and other identification information with the USCG
  - USCG will conduct safety and suitability assessment before issuing MMC
  - Appeal process is separate for TWIC and MMC
    - TWIC denial TSA appeal process
    - MMC denial USCG appeal process





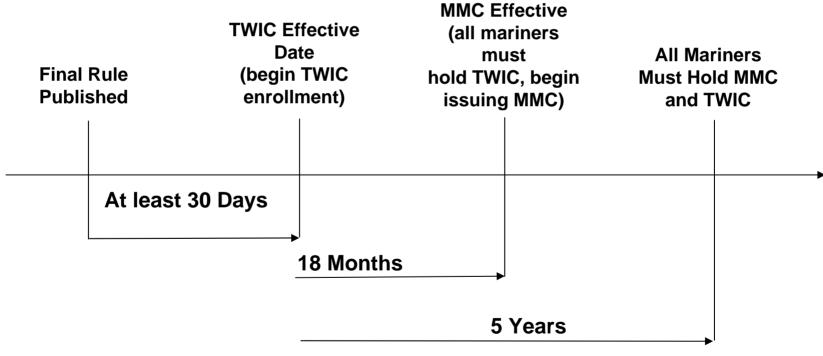
#### Consolidation of Merchant Mariner Qualification Credentials

- USCG will begin issuing the MMC 18 months after the TWIC Final Rule is effective to allow:
  - Mariners time to receive a TWIC before it is mandatory for service under their qualification credential
  - Mariners the opportunity to obtain their TWIC when it is available locally
  - The USCG and TSA to establish a secure system for transferring mariner identity information between agencies
- MMC issued at renewal/replacement of MMD, License or COR
  - 5 year phase in: receive first MMC when renew MMD, License or COR
  - MMC valid for 5 years. If new endorsements added, no change to expiration date unless all endorsements renewed
  - No visit to an REC to be fingerprinted, show proof of ID or take an oath.
     MMC applications done entirely by mail unless an exam is required
  - One USCG credential = one USCG issuance fee





#### **MMC** Timeline





#### **TWIC Fee Specifics for Merchant Mariners**

- TWIC will accept USCG threat assessment for:
  - MMDs issued after 1/3/2003, and
  - Licenses issued after 1/13/2006
- Those mariners would appear at TWIC enrollment centers to submit fingerprints, but no new criminal history records check (CHRC) would be required
- TWIC would expire on same date as MMD or License
- Cost for TWIC would be reduced (from proposed \$139 to \$105)
- Mariner may opt to undergo TSA security threat assessment and receive full 5 year TWIC with payment of full fee





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#### **Open for all TWIC or MMC Related Comments**

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