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## **Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC) compliance date February 12, 2009**

The U.S. Coast Guard and the Transportation Security Administration announced that Feb. 12, 2009, is the Transportation Worker Identification Credential compliance date for owners and operators of facilities located within the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port Zone of Honolulu, Hawaii. All ports in the State of Hawaii and American Samoa are affected by the Feb. 12, 2009, deadline.

Mariners may use their valid Coast Guard-issued merchant mariner's document, license or certificate of registry, along with a valid photo ID, to be eligible for unescorted access in secure areas of any facility regulated under the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 that has a TWIC compliance date earlier than April 15, 2009. The date by which owners and operators of vessels must implement access control procedures utilizing TWIC is also April 15, 2009.

Owners and operators of facilities regulated under MTSA are responsible for notifying employees of their personal responsibility to apply for and maintain a TWIC. The TWIC final rule, published Jan. 25, 2007, also requires owners and operators of MTSA regulated facilities to inform employees of the deadlines and methods for TWIC application.

Workers are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible and can pre-enroll for their TWIC online at [www.tsa.gov/twic](http://www.tsa.gov/twic). Pre-enrollment speeds up the process by allowing workers to provide biographic information and to schedule a time to complete the application process in person. The pre-enrollment process reduces the time it takes to fully enroll in the TWIC program and eliminates waiting at enrollment centers.

TWIC was established in the Maritime Transportation Security Act and the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act to serve as an identification program for all Coast Guard credential mariners and personnel requiring unescorted access to secure areas within a port. The program is progressing steadily; all fixed enrollment centers are open and dozens of mobile sites have been deployed nationwide. More than 514,000 workers have enrolled to date and thousands more are processed each week.

Additional information and a framework showing expected compliance dates by Captain of the Port Zone is available on the U.S. Coast Guard's Homeport Web Site at <http://homeport.uscg.mil/twic>. Also, Captain of the Port Zone maps with ports annotated are available on that Web site under General Information, COTP Zone Maps. You may also call 1-866-DHS-TWIC (1-866-347-8942) or 1-877-MTSA-AID (1-877-687-2243).