

SDDC OPERATIONS CENTER
CARRIER ADVISORY
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Subject: Implementation of Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC).

Purpose: To advise DOD carriers of the final compliance timeline for implementation of Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC).

Be Advised: TSA had released a final implementation timeline of the TWIC for ports in the U.S. This final compliance dates began earlier this month and implementation is expected to be complete by April 2009. For a complete list of dates and locations, see: http://www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/layers/twic/twic_faqs.shtm#required_twic_date. All final compliance dates will be announced in the Federal Register at least 90 days in advance.

All personnel requiring unescorted access to secure areas of commercial U.S. ports will be required to obtain a TWIC. TSA and USCG have expressed some concern that individuals are waiting both to enroll and to activate their credentials once produced. As of 23 October 2008: 594,805 individuals have enrolled, 540,970 cards have been printed, but only 405,708 credentials have been activated. The expected population that will be required to possess the credentials by April 2009 is around 1,200,000.

Individuals that will be required to access commercial ports should not wait, but rather enroll and activate their credentials at their earliest convenience.

Background: TWIC is a biometric credential for individuals who require unescorted access to secure areas at port facilities and vessels. Prior to issuance, individuals must pass a security threat assessment conducted by TSA. TWIC was mandated by Congress through the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) in an effort to control access to U.S. ports and enhance port security.

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