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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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EXTENDED EXPIRATION DATE TRANSPORTATION WORKER IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIAL (TWIC)

Starting August 30, 2012, if you hold a TWIC that expires on or before December 31, 2014 and you are a U.S. citizen or U.S. national you will be able to replace your expiring TWIC with a 3-year Extended Expiration Date (EED) TWIC. The EED TWIC is a one-time temporary extension option intended to provide convenience and cost-savings to workers. The EED TWIC has a reduced cost of \$60 and requires only one visit to an enrollment center. This guidance provides direction to the maritime industry on the eligibility and application process for an EED TWIC.

Eligibility:

- Individuals are eligible to obtain a 3-year EED TWIC if they meet the following requirements:
 - They are a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National *AND*
 - Their current TWIC is valid and not revoked *AND*
 - Their current TWIC expires on or before December 31, 2014.
- As long as an individual maintains eligibility, he/she can obtain a 3-year EED TWIC prior to the expiration of their current TWIC before December 31, 2014.
- TWIC holders who are not U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals are required to enroll for a standard 5-year replacement upon expiration of their current TWIC.

Application Process:

- Call the TSA TWIC Help Desk (1-866-347-8942, Mon-Fri, 8AM to 10PM Eastern) to begin the application process and to confirm eligibility.
- Once the EED TWIC arrives at the enrollment center specified by the individual, the individual will be notified for pick up and activation of their 3-year EED TWIC.
- **The original TWIC shall be turned in at the enrollment center at the time of activation of the EED TWIC.**
- **The new EED TWIC will have an expiration date three years from the original expiration date, regardless of when application for the EED is made.**

More information on the EED TWIC, location of enrollment center, and related materials may be found at www.tsa.gov/twic.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this bulletin, please contact Lieutenant Matthew Layman, Commandant (CG-FAC-2) U.S. Coast Guard, at (202) 372-1133.

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Alternate Captain of the Port