



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) – Reader Requirements; Delay of Effective Date

The Coast Guard issued its final rule “TWIC – Reader Requirements; Delay of Effective Date” on March 9, 2020 [85 Fed. Reg. 13493]. The final rule delays implementation of TWIC readers for three years at facilities that handle certain dangerous cargoes (CDC) while allowing reader requirements for large passenger vessel facilities and one specific large passenger vessel to move forward.

The Coast Guard delayed the effective date for three categories of CDC facilities affected by the final rule entitled, “Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) – Reader Requirements,” which published in the Federal Register on August 23, 2016. The three categories are: facilities that handle certain dangerous cargoes in bulk, but do not transfer these cargoes to or from a vessel; facilities that handle certain dangerous cargoes in bulk, and do transfer these cargoes to or from a vessel; and facilities that receive vessels carrying certain dangerous cargoes in bulk, but do not, during that vessel-to-facility interface, transfer these bulk cargoes to or from those vessels. Facilities that receive passenger vessels certificated to carry 1,000 passengers or more and one large passenger vessel will have to meet the regulations of the 2016 Reader Requirements.

Facility and vessel owners or operators with specific questions regarding the requirements of these regulations should contact their local Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP). A listing of individual COTP contact information is available on Coast Guard Homeport at www.homeport.uscg.mil under “Port Directory”.

Important dates associated with the regulation:

- May 8, 2020 – Effective date of final rule
- June 7, 2020 – Implementation date for passenger vessel facilities and one large passenger vessel

More information on the TWIC – Reader Requirements; Delay of Effective Date Final Rule may be found at: <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2020/03/10/faqs-twic-reader-requirements-delay-of-effective-date-final-rule/>

TWIC – Reader Requirements; Delay of Effective Date: Frequently Asked Questions, Maritime Commons Blog Post may be found at: <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2020/03/10/final-rule-twic-reader-requirements-delay-of-effective-date/>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this bulletin, please contact Lieutenant Commander Kevin McDonald, Commandant (CG-FAC-2) U.S. Coast Guard, at (202) 372-1120 or by email at CGFAC@uscg.mil.

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