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Information For Individuals Applying For A Transportation Identification Credential

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) developed the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC™) Program in response to the Maritime Transportation Security Act. The Act requires use of a biometric identification credential by individuals who require access to secure areas of maritime facilities and vessels. Before issuing a TWIC, TSA must conduct a security assessment on the TWIC applicant. An applicant who, as a result of the assessment, poses a security threat, will not be issued a TWIC.

Each applicant for a TWIC must provide biographic information, identity documents, fingerprints, sit for a digital photograph, and pay the established TWIC fee. TSA will maintain an enrollment record to the FBI, as well as within the Department of Homeland Security. TSA will conduct appropriate terrorist threat, criminal history, and immigration checks can be performed. Results of the checks to determine if the person poses a security threat, and will notify the applicant of the results. When TSA determines that an applicant qualifies to receive a TWIC, a credential will be issued and sent to the enrollment center at which the applicant applied. The applicant will return to the center for issuance and activation of the TWIC. Possession of a TWIC does not guarantee access to secure areas because the owner/operator controls which individuals are granted unescorted access to the vessel. Rather, TWIC is a secure, verified credential that can be used in conjunction with the owner/operator's risk-based security program that is required in security regulations and procedures.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT:

Authority: The authority for collecting this information is 49 U.S.C. 114, 40113, and

Purpose: This information is needed to verify your identity and to conduct a security assessment to evaluate your eligibility for a Transportation Worker Identification Credential.

Routine Uses: Routine uses of this information include disclosure to the FBI to retrieve your history record; to TSA contractors or other agents who are providing services relating to security assessments; to appropriate governmental agencies for licensing, law enforcement, or in the interests of national security; and to foreign and international governmental agencies in accordance with law and international agreement.

Disclosure: Furnishing this information, including your SSN or alien registration number, however, failure to provide it will delay and may prevent completion of your security assessment.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT:

Statement of Public Burden: TSA is collecting this information to determine your eligibility for a TWIC. This is a voluntary collection of information but failure to provide the information may prevent you from approving your eligibility for a TWIC. TSA estimates that the total average burden per

with this collection for enrollment is approximately 90 minutes. An agency may not collect information from a person if a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The control number assigned to this collection is OMB 1652-0047, which expires on 06/30/2012.

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