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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING ON THE TRANSPORTATION WORKER IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIAL (TWIC)

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1. On 17 June 2006, the U.S. Coast Guard and Transportation Security Administration will publish a Notice of Proposed Rule Making in the Federal Register regarding the implementation of a Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC). Following the publication of the proposed rule making, the public will have 45 days to make comment. In addition, a public meeting is scheduled to be held in St. Louis, Missouri on 6 June 2006 to receive comments on the proposed rulemaking.
2. The proposed rule making will make changes to titles 33, 46, and 49 of the Code of Federal regulations. The Transportation Worker Identification Credential is a biometric-based identification, which will aid in preventing individuals posing a security threat from accessing critical infrastructure within the maritime transportation system. All individuals with unescorted access to secure areas of port facilities and vessels regulated under the Maritime Transportation Security Act would be required to have a TWIC. Collection of biographic data and a background check would be conducted on each individual when applying for a TWIC.
3. Additional information regarding this proposed rulemaking can be found on the internet at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mp/mtsa.shtml>.
4. Any questions regarding this information bulletin may be addressed to the Prevention Department, Sector UMR at (314) 269-2500, ext. 2686.

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