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MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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**TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO EXTEND UNESCORTED ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALS
AWAITING RECEIPT OF A REPLACEMENT TWIC**

On October 21, 2008, the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) credential management center experienced a power outage that damaged a computer server. This caused a processing backlog as a large number of records required re-submission which has caused some time delays associated with obtaining replacement Transportation Worker Identification Credentials (TWIC) for those that were lost, damaged, or stolen. This delay may exceed seven (7) consecutive calendar days provided for in Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations Part 105.255 for individuals to have unescorted access to secure areas while they await delivery of their replacement TWIC.

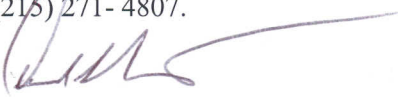
To help address this issue, CG-544 Policy Letter 09-01 authorizes the Captain of the Port (COTP) to approve a 30 day extension for individuals to have unescorted access to secure areas until they receive a replacement TWIC. Individuals seeking the 30 day extension shall submit a written request to the COTP after the following items have been completed:

1. The individual has reported the TWIC as lost, damaged or stolen to TSA; and
2. The individual has paid in full the replacement fee.

The written request shall include the individual's name, address, phone number, fax number (if available) and a copy of the receipt indicating a replacement card has been paid for. The written request can be made by either the individual that lost the TWIC or by a Company Security Officer or Facility Security Officer. After reviewing the request, an approval letter may be issued by the COTP authorizing the extension. Requests should be faxed to 215-271-4892 or mailed to:

USCG Sector Delaware Bay
Attention: Facilities Branch
One Washington Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19147

After submitting the request, I recommend a follow-up call to ensure we have received it. Please contact the Facility and Container Branch at (215) 271-4864 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays or if after hours, the Sector Command Center at (215) 271-4807.


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