



TWIC INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

List of Agencies Qualifying for the “Federal Officials” Exemption

Federal officials and Law Enforcement officials are not required to obtain or possess a TWIC in order to gain or have unescorted access to MTSA regulated facilities and/or vessels while in the performance of their official duties (33 CFR 101.514(b), (c), (d)). This also includes contractors assigned to Federal agencies that are issued agency credentials (either HSPD-12 compliant credentials or the agencies official credentials currently in use) and to those State and local regulatory enforcement officials that are described in TWIC Policy Advisory Council Decision 01-07 (<http://homeport.uscg.mil/twic>).

The following list is provided to serve as a quick reference guide at access control points aboard MTSA regulated facilities and vessels; it is not intended to be all inclusive as there are numerous federal agencies with jurisdiction in and around the maritime transportation sector. All personnel with security duties including CSOs, FSOs, VSOs, and security guards should familiarize themselves both with this list and with the credentialing and/or uniforms (if applicable) from the below list of agencies.

Personnel with security duties are reminded that the TWIC exemption applies only to those Federal officials, Law Enforcement officials and Federal Government contractors who are entering while in the performance of their official duties and who have their respective agency/department credentials and/or Department of Defense Common Access Card (CAC) to provide for verification in accordance with 33 CFR 101.515(c).

- Army Corp of Engineers
- Centers for Disease Control
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Federal Grain Inspection Service
- Federal Railroad Administration
- National Marine Fisheries
- National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration
- National Science Foundation
- National Transportation Safety Board
- Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Administration
- Transportation Security Administration
- US Coast Guard
- US Coast Guard Auxiliary
- US Customs & Border Protection
- US Department of Agriculture
- US Department of Defense
- US Department of Energy
- US Department of Homeland Security
- US Department of Interior
- US Department of Transportation
- US Drug Enforcement Agency
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- US Immigration & Customs Enforcement
- US Maritime Administration
- US Marshals Service
- US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- US Postal Service
- US Secret Service

** Security personnel are encouraged to contact their local Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) with any questions regarding this bulletin and for clarification on agency and/or department officials not listed above.