

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Science and Technology Directorate; Notice of Public Meeting of the Project 25 Compliance Assessment Program Governing Board

AGENCY: Science and Technology Directorate, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office for Interoperability and Compatibility (OIC) will hold a public meeting of its Project 25 (P25) Compliance Assessment Program (CAP) Governing Board (GB). The P25 CAP GB is composed of public sector officials who represent the collective interest of organizations that procure P25 equipment. The purpose of the meeting is to review and approve proposed Compliance Assessment Bulletin(s).

The P25 CAP GB will receive public comments on the P25 CAP at this meeting. DHS OIC will post details of the meeting, including the agenda, ten business days in advance of the meeting at <http://www.safecomprogram.gov>.

The meeting is open to the public, but space is limited. All participants must bring proper identification to attend the meeting.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (EST).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the General Services Administration Building, 301 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20407.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Emergency responders—emergency medical services, fire personnel, and law enforcement officers—need to seamlessly exchange communications across disciplines and jurisdictions to successfully respond to day-to-day incidents and large-scale emergencies. P25 focuses on developing standards that allow radios and other components to interoperate, regardless of manufacturer. In turn, these standards enable emergency responders to exchange critical communications with other disciplines and jurisdictions.

An initial goal of P25 is to specify formal standards for interfaces between

the components of a land mobile radio (LMR) system. (LMR systems are commonly used by emergency responders in portable handheld and mobile vehicle-mounted devices.) Although formal standards are being developed, no process is currently in place to confirm that equipment advertised as P25-compliant meets all aspects of P25 standards.

To address discrepancies between P25 standards and industry equipment, Congress passed legislation calling for the creation of the P25 CAP. The P25 CAP is a partnership of the DHS Command, Control and Interoperability Division; the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology; industry; and the emergency response community.

The P25 CAP works to establish a process for ensuring that equipment complies with P25 standards and can interoperate across manufacturers. By providing manufacturers with a method to test their equipment for compliance with P25 standards, the P25 CAP helps emergency response officials make informed purchasing decisions. The program's initial focus is on the Common Air Interface, which allows for over-the-air compatibility between mobile and portable radios, and tower equipment.

For more information on the program, please review OIC's *Charter for the Project 25 Compliance Assessment Program*, which is available at <http://www.safecomprogram.gov>.

Dated: May 1, 2008.

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P25 CAP Program Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2008-0331]

Public Workshop on Marine Technology and Standards

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) are sponsoring a two-day public workshop on marine technology and standards in Arlington, VA. This public workshop will provide a unique opportunity for classification societies, industry groups, standards development organizations, governments, and

interested members of the public to come together for a professional exchange on topics ranging from technological impacts to the marine industry, corresponding coverage in related codes and standards, and existing government regulations.

DATES: This public workshop will be held 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2008. This workshop is open to the public with advance registration required.

ADDRESSES: The two-day workshop will be held at the Sheraton National Hotel near the Pentagon. The hotel is located at 900 South Orme Street in Arlington, VA, approximately one mile from the Pentagon City Metro Station. The hotel's phone number is (703) 521-1900. Shuttle service to and from the hotel may be available by contacting the hotel directly at the phone number above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about this workshop you may visit the USCG Web site at http://www.uscg.mil/marine_event or contact Mr. Wayne Lundy by telephone at (202) 372-1379 or by e-mail at Wayne.M.Lundy@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this workshop is to provide a technical exchange on areas of technology that impact the marine industry with corresponding coverage in related codes and standards and existing government regulations. To register for this workshop, please visit the ASME Web site: <http://www.asmeconferences.org/asmecg08>.

Registration deadline is May 23, 2008. While the workshop is open to the public, space is limited due to room capacity restrictions, so we encourage you to register in advance for this event. There is no fee for registration.

Agenda of Meeting

The workshop comprises six panel sessions conducted over a two-day period on a variety of topics.

Day One—June 3, 2008

(1) Use of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for ship propulsion;

(2) Emerging technologies such as bio-fuels, use of fuel cells for ship propulsion, development of high pressure composite hydrogen pressure vessels, and exhaust gas cleaning systems for ships;

(3) Importation of CNG;

Day Two—June 4, 2008

(4) Pressure vessels for human occupancy, including submersibles, diving bells, and acrylic windows;

(5) Pressure vessel and piping codes, including rewrite of ASME Section VIII—Division 2, API 570/ASME FFS—1 Fitness for Service, ASME B31.12—Code for Hydrogen Piping and Pipelines, and use of ASME Section VIII—Division 3; and

(6) Risk-based approaches and in-service examination of marine systems.

Procedural

This workshop is open to the public. Please note that the workshop may close early if all business is finished. Material presented at the workshop will be made available to the public on the USCG Web site at http://www.uscg.mil/marine_even for 30 days starting June 3. For additional information on material presented at this event, you may contact Mr. Wayne Lundy by telephone at (202) 372-1379 or by e-mail at Wayne.M.Lundy@uscg.mil. Summaries of comments made, materials presented, and lists of attendees will be available on the docket at the conclusion of the 2 day meeting. To view comments and materials, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time, enter the docket number “USCG 2008-0331” in the Search box, and click on “Go>>.”

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals With disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Mr. Wayne Lundy at (202) 372-1379 or by e-mail at Wayne.M.Lundy@uscg.mil as soon as possible.

Dated: April 25, 2008.

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Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards, U.S. Coast Guard.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket Nos. TSA-2006-24191; USCG-2006-24196]

Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Implementation in the Maritime Sector; Hazardous Materials Endorsement for a Commercial Driver's License

AGENCY: United States Coast Guard; DHS.

ACTION: Notice of compliance date, Captain of the Port Zones Boston, Northern New England, and Southeastern New England.

SUMMARY: This Notice informs owners and operators of facilities located within Captain of the Port Zones Boston, Northern New England, and Southeastern New England that they must implement access control procedures utilizing TWIC no later than October 15, 2008.

DATES: This Notice is effective May 7, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, are part of dockets TSA-2006-24191 and USCG-2006-24196, and are available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this Notice, call LCDR Jonathan Maiorine, telephone 1-877-687-2243. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-493-0402.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Regulatory History

On May 22, 2006, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the United States Coast Guard (Coast Guard) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) published a joint notice of proposed rulemaking entitled “Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Implementation in the Maritime Sector; Hazardous Materials Endorsement for a Commercial Driver's License” in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 29396). This was followed by a 45-day comment period and four public meetings. The Coast Guard and TSA issued a joint final rule, under the same title, on January 25, 2007 (72 FR 3492) (hereinafter referred to as the original TWIC final rule). The preamble to that final rule contains a discussion of all the comments received on the NPRM, as well as a discussion of the provisions found in the original TWIC final rule, which became effective on March 26, 2007.

In a separate section of today's **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard and

TSA issued a final rule to realign the compliance date for implementation of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential. The date by which mariners need to obtain a TWIC, and by which owners and operators of vessels, facilities, and outer continental shelf facilities, who have not otherwise been required to implement access control procedures utilizing TWIC, must implement those procedures, is now April 15, 2009 instead of September 25, 2008. This realignment provides 18 months from the date the initial enrollment centers became operational for regulated entities to come into compliances with the requirements of the TWIC final rule. Owners and operators of facilities that must comply with 33 CFR part 105 will still be subject to earlier, rolling compliance dates, as laid out in 33 CFR 105.115(e). As provided in that regulation, the Coast Guard will announce those dates at least 90 days in advance via notices published in the **Federal Register**. The final compliance date will not be later than April 15, 2009.

II. Notice of Facility Compliance Date—COTP Zones Boston, Northern New England, and Southeastern New England

Title 33 CFR 105.115(e) currently states that “[f]acility owners and operators must be operating in accordance with the TWIC provisions in this part by the date set by the Coast Guard in a Notice to be published in the **Federal Register**.” Through this Notice, the Coast Guard informs the owners and operators of facilities subject to 33 CFR 105.115(e) located within the following Captain of the Port Zones: Boston, Northern New England, and Southeastern New England that the deadline for their compliance with Coast Guard and TSA TWIC requirements is October 15, 2008.

We have determined that this date provides sufficient time for the estimated population required to obtain TWICs for these COTPs to enroll and for TSA to complete the necessary security threat assessments for those enrollment applications. We strongly encourage persons requiring unescorted access to facilities regulated by 33 CFR part 105 and located in one of these COTP Zones to enroll for their TWIC as soon as possible, if they haven't already. Information on enrollment procedures, as well as a link to the pre-enrollment web site (which will also enable an applicant to make an appointment for enrollment), may be found at <https://twicprogram.tsa.dhs.gov>.