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TO:

INSURANCE CARRIERS AND SELF-INSURED EMPLOYERS UNDER THE LONGSHOREMEN'S AND HARBOR WORKERS'

COMPENSATION ACT, AS AMENDED

SUBJECT:

Revised Implementation Regulations for Administering the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and Related Statutes

Attached is a copy of revised Implementation Regulations for administering the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, as amended by Public Law 92-576, enacted October 27, 1972. The regulations also include regulations for the District of Columbia Workmen's Compensation Act, the Defense Base Act, the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, and the Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities Act. Regulations under the amended Act were first published in the Federal Register on January 26, 1973, and comments were received until March 5, 1973. The comments received from interested persons have been considered and after further review, revised regulations were published in the Federal Register on September 26, 1973, and are now final. The attached copy contains the applicable regulations as of the date of publication. They will appear in Title 20 of the Code of Federal Regulations for 1974.

Among the changes to which your attention is particularly invited are the following:

- Addition of \$701.301, Definitions and use of terms.
- Minor changes in \$702.131 and 702.132 to correct confusion in language.
- Addition of §702.136, Information and assistance c. for claimants.
- Change in \$702.145, Use of special fund, with respect to second injuries.
- Addition of \$702.161, Liens on compensation under e. section 17(b).
- Correction of language in \$702.241, changes "employee's" to "employers".

- g. Addition of \$702.261 and \$702.262, Claimant's contest of actions taken by employer or carrier with respect to the claim, and Action by deputy commissioner upon receipt of notice of contest.
- h. Changes in \$702.301 through \$702.319, governing adjudication of claims by the deputy commissioner.
- i. Changes in \$702.392, 702.393, 702.394, 702.411(a), 702.417, 703.106, 703.302, 703.304.

Not all changes are referred to in this notice. We invite your attention to the introductory remarks published in front of the Regulations.

Interpretive opinions of the jurisdiction and coverage sections of the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act will be published soon in the <u>Federal Register</u> for the guidance of interested parties. Comment will be requested on the opinions prior to their being finalized.

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Attachment