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INSURANCE CARRIERS AND SELF-INSURED EMPLOYERS UNDER THE LONGSHOREMEN'S AND HARBOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT, AS AMENDED

Subject: Revised and Additional Regulations for Administering the LHWCA and Related Statutes

Proposals were published in the Federal Register on August 13, 1976, for a number of changes in the LHWCA regulations. Numerous comments were received as a result, which were carefully considered, and revisions were made in the proposed regulations.

Attached is a copy of the final rules as published in the Federal Register on September 9, 1977. They become effective on October 11, 1977. A section by section summary of the comments received after publication of the proposed regulations and of the action taken in response is provided on pages 45300 and 45301 under the heading Supplementary Information.

In connection with the revised \$702.404, expanding the meaning of the term "physician," Form LS-1, Request for Examination and/or Treatment, has been revised to include reference to the fact that chiropractors and other medical practitioners are authorized as treating physicians, with some limitations of the former. Complete information regarding the use of this form is being issued as a separate industry notice, No. 35.

These regulations may be reproduced for distribution by head offices of firms receiving this notice to their field units affected by the changes.

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Attachment