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

SUBJECT: Regulations for administering the Longshoremen's and
related acts, as amended by P.L. 92-576

In view of the extensive changes made by the 1972 amendments to the Longshoremen's Act, the regulations for administering that Act and related acts have been revised. Attached is a copy of the revised regulations as published in the Federal Register on January 26, 1973. They became effective upon publication. Comments, arguments, and suggestions from interested persons will be received by the Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C. 20210, until March 5, 1973. The attached regulations will remain in full force and effect, however, until amended.

Your attention is invited to §702.145(a), of the regulations regarding adjustment of benefits in permanent total disability and death cases under the amended Sec. 10(h)(1) of the Act. The regulation permits the Director of the Office of Workmen's Compensation Programs to require insurance carriers and self-insured employers already making payments to such beneficiaries to pay such additional benefits as the amended Act requires, subject to being reimbursed by the Department of Labor for additional amounts paid. You will soon receive further information on this subject, and your district offices will receive instructions for making such payments from the OWCP district offices.

Please note that §702.101, establishing compensation districts under the Longshoremen's Act, makes changes in the boundaries of the former compensation districts. These changes are effective immediately, and this Office will in the near future issue a notice further implementing the changes and providing instructions for the transfer of present cases affected by the changes. The territorial boundaries defined under the Defense Base Act (§704.301), and the Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities Act (§704.401), should also be reviewed.

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Attachment