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Notice No. 75

**NOTICE TO INSURANCE CARRIERS, SELF-INSURED EMPLOYERS UNDER THE LONGSHORE AND HARBOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT, AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS**

**SUBJECT: Mandatory Disclosure of Social Security Numbers Under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act**

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) has been authorized by Congress (Public Law 103-112) to require persons who file notices of injury and/or claims for compensation under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA) and its extensions<sup>1</sup> to disclose certain identifying information, including Social Security Number (SSN).

Consequently, applicable regulations, including 20 CFR 702.202 concerning the employer's report of an employee's injury or death, have been amended to expressly require the reporting of the injured worker's SSN. The amended regulations are contained in the Federal Register dated December 23, 1993 (58 FR 68031).

Although the LHWCA notice of injury and claim forms have had a place for reporting the injured worker's SSN, the forms indicated that disclosure was voluntary. The forms are being revised to reflect that disclosure is now mandatory.

*Effective April 1, 1994*, the injured worker's SSN will be required on all LHWCA notices of injury submitted to OWCP. *Effective immediately*, all insurance carriers and self-insured employers should ensure that the SSN is being included on the notice of injury (Form LS-202).

It should be noted that OWCP intends to eventually use the injured worker's SSN as the case file identifier replacing the current sequential numbering system.

To ensure the widest possible dissemination, it is requested that you provide a copy of this notice to all applicable field offices, claims processing offices, service companies, etc., who

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<sup>1</sup> Acts Extending the Longshore Act:  
Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act  
Defense Base Act  
Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities Act

are responsible for the actual preparation of notices of injury.

Questions concerning the mandatory reporting of SSNs should be directed to the local Longshore district office, or to the OWCP National Office, Longshore Division, at (202) 219-8721.



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