



January 11, 2012

CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL MEMBER COMPANIES

Re: New Federal USL&H Coverage Service

USL&H Data Reporting

Insurers are currently required to report coverage issued under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and its extensions, the Defense Base Act, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentalities Act (USL&H) by mailing a hard copy of DOL Form LS-570 to the United States Department of Labor (US DOL). The US DOL intends to eventually phase out hard copy reporting of policy information and replace it with electronic filing to the national office of the Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation.

The US DOL has authorized the North Carolina Rate Bureau to act on the industry's behalf to collect, translate and electronically transmit reports of policy issuance, endorsement, and notices of cancellation in the approved format to the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI), which NCCI will use for the sole purpose of electronic retransmission to the US DOL. NCCI will retain the data submitted for a period of not more than two weeks from the date of receipt and will thereafter purge the data from its system.

Insurers that submit USL&H data to the US DOL through the North Carolina Rate Bureau are not required to report policy issuance and endorsements to the US DOL using Form LS-570. It is important to note, however, that with respect to notices of cancellation, electronic submission does not eliminate the USL&H requirements and regulations that the policyholder and the US DOL receive 30 days advance written notice of an intended policy cancellation. Notice to the US DOL may be satisfied by electronic submission and the date indicated in the electronic data field "Cancellation Mailed to Insured Date" will be considered the date of notice to the US DOL. However, notice to the policyholder of cancellation must be delivered or sent by mail.

Effective January 13 2012, the US DOL Office of Workers' Compensation Programs will begin accepting USL&H coverage information from the North Carolina Rate Bureau in a new daily electronic data interchange (EDI) US DOL approved format.

US DOL Federal Coverage Compliance Record Layouts

The US DOL Federal Coverage Compliance Record Layouts consists of four record types – Policy Record (including New, Renewals, Replacements, Cancellations, and Reinstatements), Name and Address Record, Endorsement Record and a Control Record. The Name and Address Record will be created for all linked names and addresses. We will not send unlinked names and addresses. Similarly, we will not send “No Specific Location” address records. The Endorsement Record will identify the federal endorsements reported on the policy. Voluntary and Assigned Risk policy data will be reported.

Federal Coverage Reporting Requirements

Data providers must report all federal endorsement numbers on the WCPOLS record type 7 – List of Endorsements. One or more federal endorsements and at least one federal coverage class code or the appropriate exposure code of 2 (USL&H “F” or USL&H Coverage on Non-F Classes) on at least one exposure record on the policy must be present before we will provide the coverage information to the NCCI.

The federal endorsements are as follows:

- WC 00 01 01 A – Defense Base Act Coverage Endorsement
- WC 00 01 06 A – Long Shore and Harbor Workers Compensation Act Coverage Endorsement
- WC 00 01 08 A – Non-appropriated Fund Instrumentalities Act Coverage Endorsement
- WC 00 01 09 A – Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Coverage Endorsement

The following is the list of federal coverage class codes:

Class Code	Description
6801	BOAT BUILDING – WOOD – NOC & DRIVERS
6824	BOAT BUILDING OR REPAIR & DRIVERS
6826	MARINA & DRIVERS
6843	SHIP BUILDING – IRON OR STEEL – NOC & DRIVERS
6845	SHIP BUILDING – NAVAL & DRIVERS
6872	SHIP REPAIR CONVERSION – ALL OPERATIONS & DRIVERS
6874	PAINTING: SHIP HULLS
7309	STEVEDORING: NOC
7313	COAL DOCK OPERATION & STEVEDORING
7317	STEVEDORING: BY HAND OR HAND TRUCKS EXCLUSIVELY
7323	STEVEDORING: EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS – UNDER CONTRACT
7327	STEVEDORING: CONTAINERIZED FREIGHT & DRIVERS
7350	FREIGHT HANDLING NOC
8709	STEVEDORING: TALLIERS AND CHECKING CLERKS ENGAGED IN CONNECTION WITH STEVE DORE WORK
8726	STEAMSHIP LINE OR AGENCY – PORT EMPLOYEES: SUPERINTENDENTS, CAPTAINS, ENGINEERS, STEWARDS OR THEIR ASSISTANTS, PAY CLERKS
9077	UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICE RISK – ALL EMPLOYEES & DRIVERS

Implementation of US DOL Federal Coverage Compliance Record Layouts

On January 13, 2012 the US DOL will begin receiving daily NCCI Federal Coverage files which will include federally endorsed policy data transmitted by the North Carolina Rate Bureau processed on or after January 12, 2012. Other rating or advisory organizations referenced in Attachment A will issue separate notices advising when they will commence transmitting data to the NCCI for submission to the US DOL and how frequently such transmissions will be made.

1. Historical Data File

The US DOL has advised that it will request the voluntary submission of three years of historical data at some point in the future when its database is able to accept the information. Upon receipt of that request, the North Carolina Rate Bureau intends to provide the US DOL with three years of historical data containing federally endorsed policy data effective January 1, 2009 and later.

2. Authorization

Consistent with the US DOL's directive, the North Carolina Rate Bureau's Governing Committee, on behalf of the membership, has authorized the North Carolina Rate Bureau to release federal coverage information on North Carolina policies to the NCCI for the sole purpose of transmission to the US DOL. An insurer will be deemed to have authorized the North Carolina Rate Bureau to release federal coverage information as outlined above unless the insurer notifies the North Carolina Rate Bureau in writing that it wishes to opt out, in which case, the North Carolina Rate Bureau will discontinue the submission of federal coverage information to the NCCI for transmission to the US DOL for the insurer. However, should an insurer decide to opt out, that insurer must still comply with the USDOL's directive that USL&H coverage information be submitted electronically and, at this time, the only means for electronically submitting USL&H coverage information to the US DOL is via the NCCI.

If you have any questions, please contact Delisa Fairley at 919-582-1056 or email us at wcinfo@ncrb.org. We are here to assist you Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please review the following attachment for more information:

Attachment A – U.S. Department of Labor Notice – Electronic Reporting of Issuance of Policies and Endorsements and Notice of Cancellations of Policies Providing Coverage Under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act

Sincerely,

Sue Taylor

Director of Insurance Operations

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Attachment
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U.S. Department of Labor

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs
Division of Longshore and
Harbor Workers' Compensation
Washington, D.C. 20210

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NOTICE No.138

TO: ALL AUTHORIZED CARRIERS REPORTING WORKERS' COMPENSATION POLICIES THROUGH THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE RATING BUREAU OF CALIFORNIA, DELAWARE COMPENSATION RATING BUREAU, INC., INDIANA COMPENSATION RATING BUREAU, WORKERS' COMPENSATION RATING AND INSPECTION BUREAU OF MASSACHUSETTS, COMPENSATION ADVISORY ORGANIZATION OF MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURERS ASSOCIATION, INC., NEW JERSEY COMPENSATION RATING AND INSPECTION BUREAU, NEW YORK COMPENSATION INSURANCE RATING BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA RATE BUREAU, PENNSYLVANIA COMPENSATION RATING BUREAU, OR WISCONSIN COMPENSATION RATING BUREAU, AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC REPORTING OF ISSUANCE OF POLICIES AND ENDORSEMENTS AND NOTICE OF CANCELLATIONS OF POLICIES PROVIDING COVERAGE UNDER THE LONGSHORE AND HARBOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

Authorized carriers are required to report the issuance of policies and endorsements under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and its extensions, the Defense Base Act, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentalities Act, to the Department of Labor's Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). 20 CFR § 703.116. The current manner of submission of these reports with respect to Longshore employers located in California, Delaware, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin is by mailing a paper, signed original DOL Form LS-570 to the District Director, OWCP. Effective January 2010, the Form LS-570 (Carrier's Report of Insurance Issuance) replaced the 3 x 5 index card Form LS-570 (Card Report of Insurance). The Form LS-570 (January 2010) is accessible, fillable, and printable online at <http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dlhwc/ls-570.pdf>. It is not possible to submit the form electronically, however. The Card Report of Insurance (3 x 5 index card) is no longer accepted.

In addition, carriers are also prohibited from cancelling a policy of insurance under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and its extensions prior to the expiration date specified in the policy unless the carrier satisfies the notice requirements under the Act and regulations. 33 U.S.C. § 936(b); 20 C.F.R. § 703.114. To cancel an insurance policy prior to its specified expiration date, the carrier must provide both the insured and the District Director with 30 days advance notice of the proposed cancellation.

It is our intention to eventually phase out hard-copy reporting to OWCP of policy issuance, endorsement, cancellation and renewal information and replace it with electronic data

interchange (EDI) to the national office of OWCP's Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation (DLHWC).

We have authorized the Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau of California, Delaware Compensation Rating Bureau, Inc., Indiana Compensation Rating Bureau, Workers' Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau of Massachusetts, Compensation Advisory Organization of Michigan, Minnesota Workers' Compensation Insurers Association, Inc., New Jersey Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau, New York Compensation Insurance Rating Board, North Carolina Rate Bureau, Pennsylvania Compensation Rating Bureau and the Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau to act on the industry's behalf, as Data Collection Organizations (DCOs), to collect, translate and electronically transmit reports of policy issuance, endorsement, and notices of cancellation, in approved format to the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI), for EDI transmission to DLHWC. Carriers who submit Longshore insurance policy data to DLHWC through DCOs/NCCI are not required to report policy issuance and endorsements to the District Director using Form LS-570.

PLEASE NOTE that with respect to notice of cancellation, electronic submission through EDI transmission from NCCI to DLHWC does not eliminate the requirements under the Act and regulations for 30 days advance written notice to the insured of an intended policy cancellation. To cancel an insurance policy prior to its specified expiration date, the carrier must provide both the insured and the District Director with 30 days advance notice. Notice to the District Director of cancellation may be satisfied by EDI data transmittal from NCCI to DLHWC. The date indicated in the electronic data field "Cancellation Mailed to Insured Date" will be considered the date of notice to the District Director. However, notice to the *Insured* of cancellation must be delivered to the insured or be sent by mail.

We emphasize that each DCO acts on behalf of the reporting entities to submit this information by electronic means. The DCOs and the NCCI are not under contract with the US Department of Labor. Please direct any technical questions to the appropriate DCO.

If you have any questions relating to this notice, please contact Brandon Miller at 202-693-0925 or miller.brandon@dol.gov. Thank you for your cooperation.



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