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BUREAU CIRCULAR NO. 763

To All Members of the Bureau:

Re: <u>DECEMBER 1, 2002 "F"-CLASSIFICATION FILING</u> <u>BUREAU FILING NO. 0204</u>

Please be informed that the Bureau has submitted a rating value filing for Delaware "F"-Classifications with a proposed effective date of December 1, 2002. That filing, Bureau Filing No. 0204, proposes an overall increase of 13.33 percent in assigned risk rates and an overall increase of 4.42 in voluntary market loss costs. Tables of current and proposed December 1, 2002 rating values are provided with this circular for reference.

The United States Harborworkers' Compensation Coverage Percentage, currently 49.2 percent, is proposed to change to 44.6 percent effective December 1, 2002. The tax multiplier applicable to F-Classification business is proposed to change from 1.2403 to 1.2333.

Once Bureau Filing No. 0204 has been adjudicated by the Department of Insurance, each licensed Delaware carrier will be required to make a filing for a loss cost multiplier, rates and/or other related rating values with the Department of Insurance. This requirement will apply even if a carrier intends to retain its current pricing values and programs intact. Accordingly, in order to preserve the desired and possibly necessary flexibility in pricing Delaware workers compensation policies, it is strongly recommended that all policies issued with effective dates on and after December 1, 2002 be qualified as carrying tentative rates, using the Pending Rate Change Endorsement for this purpose. Any policies issued at current rates or on a "to-be-determined" basis for which approved rating values are changed as a result of Bureau Filing No. 0204 and/ or any subsequent carrier filing(s) must be endorsed subsequently with the new carrier rates.

The filing will be found in the "Filings" section of the web site (www.dcrb.com) and is expected to be available within ten days of the publication of this circular.

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DELAWARE UNITED STATES LONGSHORE AND HARBOR WORKERS RATES MANUAL RATES AND EXPECTED LOSS RATES

CURRENT RATES AND LOSS COSTS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2000 ON NEW AND RENEWAL

			·	Experience Rating Plan			
Code	Manual	Loss	Min.	Expected Loss Rate Tables *			
No.	Rate	Cost	Prem.	A-1	A-2	A-3	
6824F	6.84	5.52	1,340	3.51	3.51	3.51	
6826F	6.90	5.57	1,350	3.54	3.54	3.54	
6843F	7.78	6.28	1,495	3.99	3.99	3.99	
6872F	9.74	7.87	1,815	4.99	4.99	4.99	
7309F	26.88	21.71	2,700	13.78	13.78	13.78	
7313F	9.92	8.01	1,845	5.08	5.08	5.08	
7317F	20.98	16.94	2,700	10.75	10.75	10.75	
7323F	13.81	11.15	2,490	7.08	7.08	7.08	
0763F	7.44	6.01					
7327F	11.49	9.28	2,105	5.89	5.89	5.89	
7366F	5.31	4.29	1,085	2.72	2.72	2.72	
8709F	2.09	1.69	555	1.07	1.07	1.07	
8726F	2.86	2.31	680	1.47	1.47	1.47	

PROPOSED RATES AND LOSS COSTS PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2002 ON NEW AND RENEWAL

				Experience Rating Plan		
Code	Manual	Loss	Min.	Expected Loss Rate Tables *		
No.	Rate	Cost	Prem.	A-1	A-2	A-3
6824F	8.27	6.15	1,760	3.64	3.64	3.64
6826F	8.38	6.24	1,780	3.69	3.69	3.69
6843F	9.41	7.00	1,970	4.14	4.14	4.14
6872F	11.84	8.81	2,420	5.21	5.21	5.21
7309F	32.83	24.43	2,950	14.45	14.45	14.45
7313F	12.00	8.93	2,450	5.28	5.28	5.28
7317F	25.48	18.96	2,950	11.21	11.21	11.21
7327F	13.82	10.28	2,785	6.08	6.08	6.08
7366F	6.39	4.75	1,410	2.81	2.81	2.81
8709F	2.54	1.89	700	1.12	1.12	1.12
8726F	3.47	2.58	870	1.53	1.53	1.53

^{*} Table A-1 applies to the most current policy year, Table A-2 to the first prior policy year, and Table A-3 to the second prior policy year.

Associated classes - both codes must be applied. The second code is not subject to experience rating and applies to the full payroll of the associate class.