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PCRB CIRCULAR NO. P1751

To All Members of the PCRB:

RE: APPROVAL OF PCRB FILING NO. 314
BASIC MANUAL REVISIONS – SECTION 2
CODE 657, RIGGING, N.O.C.
EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2021

The Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner (Commissioner) has approved the PCRB's proposal to revise Basic Manual language relating to Code 657, Rigging, N.O.C., for policies effective on or after 12:01 a.m., April 1, 2021. The effective date of this change is concurrent with the PCRB's annual comprehensive loss cost revision, which will be filed by the PCRB with the Insurance Department at a later date. This coordination will consolidate necessary changes that our members and other constituents must make to policies, forms and systems. These revisions are intended to assist in the administration of Code 657 but do not revise the scope of this or any classification or impact any classification's PCRB loss cost value.

Code 657 is applied to an employer engaged in contract rigging work. Rigging, as the term is used in the construction and material handling industries, is a process utilized to secure materials to be moved by lifting equipment, including but not necessarily limited to, cranes, hoists and block and tackle. Block and tackle (sometimes referred to only as tackle) refers to a system of two or more pulleys with a rope or cable threaded between them that is used to lift heavy loads. The pulleys are assembled to form blocks and then blocks are paired so that one is fixed and one moves with the load. Code 657 may be applied to a contractor that is securing the load, is both securing and lifting the load, or is securing, lifting and moving the load to another location.

The PCRB classification staff has found, through standard employer classification reviews and telephone conversations with various constituents, that there is some confusion regarding the scope of Code 657. Staff therefore initiated a study of Code 657 with the objectives of identifying the types of employers presently classified to Code 657 and determining if any (or all) of the Code 657 employer groups identified should be reclassified from Code 657 to some other, existing classification. Pursuant to a file by file review of employers classified to Code 657, historical experience comparisons and statistical testing, staff concluded that no Code 657 employer groups should be reclassified from Code 657 to any other existing classification and that overall the scope of Code 657 is sound. PCRB Filing No. 314 did propose revised Basic Manual language that is intended to clarify and improve upon the language describing Code 657.

Please refer to Filing No. 314 for additional information on the revisions discussed above. Please contact Robert Ferrante, Senior Classification Analyst – Technical Services, at (215) 320-4584 or at rferrante@pcrb.com for any questions regarding this circular. The Basic Manual will be updated on the PCRB's website at a later date.

William V. Taylor
President

PENNSYLVANIA WORKERS COMPENSATION MANUAL OF RULES, CLASSIFICATIONS AND RATING VALUES FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION AND FOR EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE

Approved Effective April 1, 2021

INFORMATION PAGE remains unchanged.

PREFACE remains unchanged.

SECTION 1 – UNDERWRITING RULES remains unchanged.

SECTION 2 – CLASSIFICATIONS

RATING VALUES through DEFINITIONS remains unchanged.

No change to Classification Code 005 – TREE PRUNING, SPRAYING, REPAIRING OR FUMIGATING through Classification Code 656 – ELECTRIC OR TELEPHONE LINE CONSTRUCTION BY CONTRACTORS.

657 RIGGING, N.O.C. – BY CONTRACTOR

Applies to an employer providing rigging services to unrelated concerns on a contract basis. Rigging is a process used to secure materials that are to be moved by lifting equipment such as cranes, hoists, and block and tackle. A rigging contractor may be limited to securing the load, may both secure and lift the load, or may secure, lift and move the load to another location.

OPERATIONS ALSO INCLUDED:

1. The disassembly, reassembly and setting and securing in place (e.g., bolting) of the item being rigged when performed by the rigging contractor to facilitate the rigging job.
2. The over the road transportation of the item being rigged, typically via the use of heavy or wide load trucks, when performed by the rigging contractor
3. The operation of a mobile crane or other hoisting/lifting equipment when performed by a rigging contractor in order to move and/or set in place the item being rigged.

OPERATIONS NOT INCLUDED:

1. Separately rate installation work as provided for in this Manual. Installation includes but is not necessarily limited to the running and connecting of new plumbing, electrical or mechanical lines and related work. The disassembly, reassembly, transportation and setting and securing in place (e.g., bolting) of the item being rigged when performed by the rigging contractor to facilitate the rigging work shall not be construed to be installation.
2. Code 657 shall not apply to an employer whose field of business is construction, installation, service or repair and performs rigging work to facilitate the employer's own construction, installation, service or repair work.
3. An employer in the business of renting cranes with operators shall be assigned to Code 802.

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~~Bell Installation – Tower Bells~~

~~Mobile Crane & Hoisting Operations, By Rigging Contractor~~

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802 MOBILE CRANE RENTAL WITH OPERATORS

Remains unchanged.

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OPERATIONS NOT INCLUDED:

1. Remains unchanged.
2. Assign Code 657 to rigging contractors- including rigging contractors who operate mobile cranes or other lifting/hoisting equipment in order to move and/or set in place the item being rigged.
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811 TRUCKING, N.O.C.

Remains unchanged.

OPERATIONS ALSO INCLUDED:

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OPERATIONS NOT INCLUDED:

Items 1. through 6. remain unchanged.

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GENERAL AUDITING & CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION remains unchanged.

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