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**CIRCULAR LETTER 3155—MAY 1, 2017**

TO: Members of the Bureau

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RE: Proceedings of the WCRB Governing Board  
NCCI Proposal Item B-1435 – Revisions to Basic Manual Classifications and Appendix E – Classifications by Hazard Group, Including Trucking and Towing.

Pursuant to ch. 626, Wis. Stat., the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance has approved the following changes adopted by the Governing Board.

This filing had three main components:

- Reassignment of eleven small class codes. Three of the eleven will be subject to a transition program.
- Reestablishment of trucking code 7219 and elimination of trucking codes 7228 and 7229.
- Establishes new code 7225 for towing companies.

The following changes have been approved effective 10-1-17, applicable to new and renewal business.

**CODES REASSIGNED EFFECTIVE 10-1-17**

CURRENT CODE	DESCRIPTION	REASSIGNED CODE	DESCRIPTION
1655	QUARRY LIMESTONE- SURFACE & DRIVERS	1642 7380	LIME MFG
1860	ABRASIVE PAPER OR CLOTH PREPARATION	4279	PAPER GOODS MFG NOC
3223	LAMP OR PORTABLE LANTERN MFG	3180	ELECTRIC OR GAS LIGHTING FIXTURES MFG
4053	POTTERY MFG CHINA OR TABLEWARE	4062	POTTERY MFG PORCELAIN WARE- MECHANICAL PRESS FORMING

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4061	POTTERY MFG EARTHENWARE- GLAZED OR PORCELAIN-HAND MOLDED OR CAST	4062	POTTERY MFG PORCELAIN WARE- MECHANICAL PRESS FORMING
4113	GLASS MFG-CUT	4111	GLASSWARE MFG NO AUTOMATIC BLOWING MACHINES
4282	DRESS PATTERN MFG-PAPER	4279	PAPER GOODS MFG NOC
4439	LACQUER OR VARNISH MANUFACTURING	4558	PAINT MFG

**CODES REASSIGNED SUBJECT TO TRANSITION PROGRAM**

CURRENT CODE	DESCRIPTION	REASSIGNED CODE	DESCRIPTION
2534	FEATHER OR FLOWER MFG-ARTIFICIAL	2501	CLOTH, CANVAS AND RELATED PRODUCTS MFG NOC
3175	RADIATOR OR HEATER MFG	3169	STOVE MFG
5069	IRON OR STEEL ERECTION CONSTRUCTION OF DWELLINGS NOT OVER TWO STORIES IN HEIGHT	5059	IRON OR STEEL ERECTION FRAME STRUCTURES NOT OVER TWO STORIES IN HEIGHT

**NOTE:** When the transition for code 5069 is completed, the phraseology for codes 5215, 5223, and 5403 will be amended to reflect the change to code 5059.

Elimination of trucking codes 7228 and 7229 and reestablish the trucking code 7219.

CODE	DESCRIPTION
7219	<p><b><u>TRUCKING NOC – ALL EMPLOYEES &amp; DRIVERS – Truckers engaged in hauling under contract, whether for one or more individuals or concerns, must under no circumstances be classified and rated except in accordance with the appropriate “Trucking” classification. Exception: When trucking operations are a secondary business and conducted as a separate undertaking or enterprise, the payroll of an individual employee may be divided and allocated to other than a “Trucking” classification. Each classification includes miscellaneous employees such as terminal employees, garage employees, and repairers. Storage warehouse employees to be separately rated.</u></b></p> <p><b>AUTOMOBILE HAULAWAY OR DRIVEAWAY--ALL EMPLOYEES &amp; DRIVERS-- SCAFFOLDING DELIVERY OF MATERIALS ONLY NO INSTALLATION, REPAIR OR REMOVAL-ALL EMPLOYEES &amp; DRIVERS</b></p> <p><b>SNOW REMOVAL HAULING SNOW UNDER CONTRACT- NO SNOW CLEARING-ALL EMPLOYEES &amp; DRIVERS</b></p> <p><b>HAULING EXPLOSIVES OR AMMUNITION- -ALL EMPLOYEES &amp; DRIVERS</b></p> <p><b>LOG SCALERS-TRUCKERS</b></p>

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2702	<p><b>LOGGING OR LUMBERING</b> - Non-mechanized Equipment Operations and Drivers - Code 2702 is applicable to the operations at any logging site which does not meet the qualifications for Code 2709. Equipment used in non-mechanized logging operations include, but is not limited to, chain saws, buck saws, axes, horses, farm tractors, cable skidders, winches and other home made equipment that requires the operator to be in physical contact with trees and raw forest products while harvesting them. Code 2702 is available for division of payroll with Code 2709 Logging or Lumbering: Mechanized Equipment Operations and Drivers provided proper payroll records are kept for those employees when operating qualifying equipment. If a separate legal entity is established for haulers of raw forest products, assign to <a href="#">the appropriate trucking classification. Code 7228 or 7229.</a> Assign Code 8602 to timber cruisers. When a logging contractor engages employees who furnish trucks, tractors or horses, the following percentage of payments to such employees shall constitute payroll for premium determination. Contracted Work % of Gross Payment: Skid only - 40%; Cut and skid logs or pulpwood - 55%; Mechanized felling or processor - 33 1/3%; Slashing operations - 33 1/3%; Haul logs or pulpwood - 33 1/3%; Cut, skid and haul logs or pulpwood - 60%.</p>
2709	<p><b>LOGGING OR LUMBERING</b> - Mechanized Equipment Operations and Drivers - Code 2709 is restricted to only those employees who operate equipment that includes, but is not limited to, feller-bunchers, harvesters, processors, grapple skidders, forwarders, de-limbers, slashers and loaders where the operator does not leave the cab of the machine in the performance of his/her duties in the logging operations except for repair and maintenance of equipment. Code 2709 is available for division of payroll with Code 2702 Logging or Lumbering: Non-mechanized Equipment Operations and Drivers provided proper payroll records are kept for those employees when operating qualifying equipment. If a separate legal entity is established for haulers of raw forest products, assign to <a href="#">the appropriate trucking classification. Code 7228 or 7229.</a> Assign Code 8602 to timber cruisers.</p>
7309	<p><b>STEVEDORING FREIGHT HANDLING NOC</b> - These classifications include freight checkers. Stevedoring to be separately rated; drivers to be separately rated <a href="#">to the appropriate trucking classification as Codes 7228 and 7229-Trucking NOC</a></p>
7327	<p><b>STEVEDORING CONTAINERIZED FREIGHT &amp; DRIVERS</b> - Applies to ships designed for freight carrying containers. No work in holds. Over-the-road trucking operations to be separately rated <a href="#">to the appropriate trucking classification as Codes 7228 and 7229-Trucking</a>. Code 7327F shall not be assigned to the same risk in connection with a single vessel unless the operations described by this classification are conducted as a separate and distinct business.</p>
7350	<p><b>FREIGHT HANDLING NOC COVERAGE UNDER U.S. ACT</b> - These classifications include freight checkers. Stevedoring to be separately rated; drivers to be separately rated <a href="#">to the appropriate trucking classification as Codes 7228 and 7229-Trucking NOC.</a></p> <p><b>FREIGHT HANDLING-PACKING, HANDLING, OR SHIPPING EXPLOSIVES OR AMMUNITION-UNDER CONTRACT COVERAGE UNDER U.S. ACT</b> - These classifications include freight checkers. Stevedoring of explosives or ammunition to be separately rated to the appropriate stevedoring classification. Drivers to be separately rated <a href="#">to the appropriate trucking classification as Codes 7228 and 7229-Trucking-hauling explosives</a></p>
7360	<p><b>REFRIGERATOR CAR LOADING OR UNLOADING</b> - Includes caring for freight in cars during transit. Stevedoring to be separately rated. Drivers to be separately rated <a href="#">to the appropriate trucking classification as Codes 7228 and 7229-Trucking</a></p>
7380	<p><b>DRIVERS, CHAUFFEURS, MESSENGERS, AND THEIR HELPERS NOC-COMMERCIAL</b> - Applies to employees engaged in such duties on or in connection with a vehicle. This classification also includes garage employees and employees using bicycles in their operations. Duties include, but are not limited to, delivering products owned by the employer. Code 7380 does not apply when the basic</p>

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	classification wording includes drivers, chauffeurs and their helpers. If a separate legal entity is established for delivery of products owned by the employer, assign exposure to <u>the appropriate trucking classification. Code 7228 or Code 7229.</u> Subject to Rule IV.B. Messenger and courier deliveries of owned documents or goods made by foot or public transportation are assigned to the governing class code.
8232	<b>CONCRETE READY-MIX DEALER &amp; YARD EMPLOYEES, DRIVERS</b> - Delivery of concrete not owned by the <del>insured employer</del> , either in storage or while in transit, including all operations incidental to the loading of trucks and delivery of such concrete, <del>shall must</del> be assigned to <del>Codes 7228 and 7229-Trucking</del> <u>the appropriate trucking classification.</u>
8292	<b>STORAGE WAREHOUSE NOC</b> - Applies to general merchandise. Drivers to be separately rated <del>as Codes 7228 and 7229-Trucking</del> <u>to the appropriate trucking classification.</u>

Establish code 7225 for Towing Companies. This change creates changes in phraseology for additional codes. (Only phraseologies with language changes are identified below.)

CODE	PROPOSED PHRASEOLOGY
7225	<p><b><u>AUTOMOBILE TOWING &amp; DRIVERS</u></b> – Includes towing or wrecker companies, road rangers, or freeway patrol companies providing towing, roadside service, or repairs, and automobile recovery or repossession companies. Includes mechanics and the operation of an impound lot operated by a towing company.</p> <p><b><u>ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE &amp; DRIVERS</u></b> – Includes operations such as road rangers or freeway patrol companies providing roadside service, repairs, or assistance regardless of whether or not towing services are offered.</p>
8380	<p><b><u>AUTOMOBILE SERVICE OR REPAIR CENTER &amp; DRIVERS</u></b> – <u>Includes parts department employees.</u> Automobile salespersons and service writers of automobile sales agencies to be separately rated as Code 8748. <del>Codes 8380 and 8392 – Automobile storage garage must not be assigned to the same employer unless the operations described by these classifications are conducted as separate and distinct businesses. Towing for others and roadside assistance to be separately rated.</del></p> <p><b><u>AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM - AUTOMOBILE</u></b> - <u>Towing for others and roadside assistance to be separately rated.</u></p> <p><b><u>AUTOMOBILE - AIR CONDITIONING INSTALLATION</u></b> - <u>Towing for others and roadside assistance to be separately rated.</u></p> <p><b><u>AUTOMOBILE - MUFFLER INSTALLATION</u></b> - <u>Towing for others and roadside assistance to be separately rated.</u></p> <p><b><u>AUTOMOBILE CAR WASH &amp; DRIVERS</u></b> - Includes incidental greasing, polishing, and servicing. - <u>Towing for others and roadside assistance to be separately rated.</u></p> <p><b><u>AUTOMOBILE LEASING COMPANY - LONG TERM: ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES &amp; DRIVERS</u></b> - <u>Towing for others and roadside assistance to be separately rated.</u></p>

	<p><b>AUTOMOBILE SALES OR SERVICE AGENCY &amp; PARTS DEPARTMENT</b> Automobile salespersons and service writers to be separately rated as Code 8748. <u>Towing for others and roadside assistance to be separately rated.</u></p> <p><b>GASOLINE STATION - RETAIL &amp; DRIVERS NOC</b> - Includes retail diesel stations <u>and gasoline stations providing full services such as, but not limited to, pumping gasoline, checking fluid levels, attended car washing service, and automobile maintenance or repair. Codes 8380 and 8392 must not be assigned to the same employer unless the operations described by these classifications are conducted as separate and distinct businesses. Towing for others and roadside assistance to be separately rated.</u></p> <p><b>MUFFLER INSTALLATION OR REPAIR &amp; DRIVERS</b> - <u>Towing for others and roadside assistance to be separately rated.</u></p> <p><b>RUBBER TIRE DEALER - RETAIL &amp; DRIVERS</b> - Includes repairing, vulcanizing, and the adjustment of tires to vehicles away from the premises of the <u>insured employer. Codes 8380 and 8392 – Automobile storage garage must not be assigned to the same employer unless the operations described by these classifications are conducted as separate and distinct businesses. Towing for others and roadside assistance to be separately rated.</u> Store employees to be separately rated under code 8046.</p> <p><b>STORAGE BATTERY SERVICE STATION &amp; DRIVERS</b> <u>Codes 8380 and 8392 must not be assigned to the same employer unless the operations described by these classifications are conducted as separate and distinct businesses. Towing for others and roadside assistance to be separately rated.</u></p> <p><b>TRUCK LEASING COMPANY-LONG-TERM</b> - All other employees &amp; drivers. <u>Towing for others and roadside assistance to be separately rated.</u></p>
8393	<p><b>AUTOMOBILE BODY REPAIR &amp; DRIVERS</b> - Applies to the repair of metal, fiberglass, and plastic automobile bodies and includes upholstery and painting. Codes 8393, 3822, <del>and 3824, -Automobile Body Mfg, Code 3808, -Automobile Mfg, and Code 8380-</del> <u>Automobile service or repair center shall must not be assigned to the same risk employer unless the operations described by these classifications are conducted as separate and distinct businesses. Towing for others and roadside assistance to be separately rated.</u></p>