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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION**

**OFFICE OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH**

CHAPTER 71

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 41-15-220

71-302. Partial exemptions for establishments in certain industries

71-339. Reporting fatalities and multiple hospitalization incidents to OSHA

**Synopsis**:

The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Division of Labor, Office of Occupational Safety and Health proposes to amend Regulation 71, Article I, Subarticle 3 to reflect changes since its promulgation.

A Notice of Drafting was published in the *State Register* on November 28, 2014.

**Instructions:**

Regulations Regulation 71, Article 1, Subarticle 3, Sections 71-302 and 71-339, and Non-Mandatory Appendix A to Subpart B are amended as shown below.

**Text:**

71-302. Partial exemptions for establishments in certain industries.

(a) Basic requirement. (1) If your business establishment is classified in a specific industry group listed in appendix A to this Subpart B, you do not need to keep OSHA injury and illness records unless the government asks you to keep the records under Sections 71-342. However, all employers must report to OSHA any workplace incident that results in an employee's fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye (see Sec. 71-339).

(2) If one or more of your company’s establishments are classified in a non‑exempt industry, you must keep OSHA injury and illness records for all of such establishments unless your company is partially exempted because of size under 71‑301.

(b) Implementation.

(1) *Is the partial industry classification exemption based on the industry classification of my entire company or on the classification of individual business establishments operated by my compan*y? The partial industry classification exemption applies to individual business establishments. If a company has several business establishments engaged in different classes of business activities, some of the company's establishments may be required to keep records, while others may be partially exempt.

(2) How do I determine the correct NAICS code for my company or for individual establishments? You can determine your NAICS code by using one of three methods, or you may contact your nearest OSHA office or State agency for help in determining your NAICS code:

(i) You can use the search feature at the U.S. Census Bureau NAICS main Web page: <http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/>. In the search box for the most recent NAICS, enter a keyword that describes your kind of business. A list of primary business activities containing that keyword and the corresponding NAICS codes will appear. Choose the one that most closely corresponds to your primary business activity, or refine your search to obtain other choices.

(ii) Rather than searching through a list of primary business activities, you may also view the most recent complete NAICS structure with codes and titles by clicking on the link for the most recent NAICS on the U.S. Census Bureau NAICS main Web page: <http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/>. Then click on the two-digit Sector code to see all the NAICS codes under that Sector. Then choose the six-digit code of your interest to see the corresponding definition, as well as cross-references and index items, when available.

(iii) If you know your old SIC code, you can also find the appropriate 2002 NAICS code by using the detailed conversion (concordance) between the 1987 SIC and 2002 NAICS available in Excel format for download at the "Concordances" link at the U.S. Census Bureau NAICS main Web page: <http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/>.

(iv) Does the partial industry classification exemption apply to public sector [State of South Carolina and any political subdivision thereof]? No, the above exemption applies only to establishments in the private sector. The exemption does not apply to the State of South Carolina or any political subdivisions thereof.

(Cross Reference: 1904.2)

**Non-Mandatory Appendix A to Subpart B--Partially Exempt Industries**

Employers are not required to keep OSHA injury and illness records for any establishment classified in the following North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes, unless they are asked in writing to do so by OSHA, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), or a state agency operating under the authority of OSHA or the BLS. All employers, including those partially exempted by reason of company size or industry classification, must report to OSHA any employee's fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye (see Sec. 71-339). (Cross Reference: 1904.3)

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NAICS Code Industry

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4412........................... Other Motor Vehicle Dealers.

4431........................... Electronics and Appliance Stores.

4461........................... Health and Personal Care Stores.

4471........................... Gasoline Stations.

4481........................... Clothing Stores.

4482........................... Shoe Stores.

4483........................... Jewelry, Luggage, and Leather Goods Stores.

4511........................... Sporting Goods, Hobby, and Musical Instrument Stores.

4512........................... Book, Periodical, and Music Stores.

4531........................... Florists.

4532........................... Office Supplies, Stationery, and Gift Stores.

4812........................... Nonscheduled Air Transportation.

4861........................... Pipeline Transportation of Crude Oil.

4862........................... Pipeline Transportation of Natural Gas.

4869........................... Other Pipeline Transportation.

4879........................... Scenic and Sightseeing Transportation, Other.

4885........................... Freight Transportation Arrangement.

5111........................... Newspaper, Periodical, Book, and Directory Publishers.

5112........................... Software Publishers.

5121........................... Motion Picture and Video Industries.

5122........................... Sound Recording Industries.

5151........................... Radio and Television Broadcasting.

5172........................... Wireless Telecommunications Carriers (except Satellite).

5173........................... Telecommunications Resellers.

5179........................... Other Telecommunications.

5181........................... Internet Service Providers and Web Search Portals.

5182........................... Data Processing, Hosting, and Related Services.

5191........................... Other Information Services.

5211........................... Monetary Authorities--Central Bank.

5221........................... Depository Credit Intermediation.

5222........................... Nondepository Credit Intermediation.

5223........................... Activities Related to Credit Intermediation.

5231........................... Securities and Commodity Contracts Intermediation and Brokerage.

5232........................... Securities and Commodity Exchanges.

5239........................... Other Financial Investment Activities.

5241........................... Insurance Carriers.

5242........................... Agencies, Brokerages, and Other Insurance Related Activities.

5251........................... Insurance and Employee Benefit Funds.

5259........................... Other Investment Pools and Funds.

5312........................... Offices of Real Estate Agents and Brokers.

5331........................... Lessors of Nonfinancial Intangible Assets (except Copyrighted Works).

5411........................... Legal Services.

5412........................... Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll Services.

5413........................... Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services.

5414........................... Specialized Design Services.

5415........................... Computer Systems Design and Related Services.

5416........................... Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services.

5417........................... Scientific Research and Development Services.

5418........................... Advertising and Related Services.

5511........................... Management of Companies and Enterprises.

5611........................... Office Administrative Services.

5614........................... Business Support Services.

5615........................... Travel Arrangement and Reservation Services.

5616........................... Investigation and Security Services.

6111........................... Elementary and Secondary Schools.

6112........................... Junior Colleges.

6113........................... Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools.

6114........................... Business Schools and Computer and Management Training.

6115........................... Technical and Trade Schools.

6116........................... Other Schools and Instruction.

6117........................... Educational Support Services.

6211........................... Offices of Physicians.

6212........................... Offices of Dentists.

6213........................... Offices of Other Health Practitioners.

6214........................... Outpatient Care Centers.

6215........................... Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories.

6244........................... Child Day Care Services.

7114........................... Agents and Managers for Artists, Athletes, Entertainers, and Other Public

Figures.

7115........................... Independent Artists, Writers, and Performers.

7213........................... Rooming and Boarding Houses.

7221........................... Full-Service Restaurants.

7222........................... Limited-Service Eating Places.

7224........................... Drinking Places (Alcoholic Beverages).

8112........................... Electronic and Precision Equipment Repair and Maintenance.

8114........................... Personal and Household Goods Repair and Maintenance.

8121........................... Personal Care Services.

8122........................... Death Care Services.

8131........................... Religious Organizations.

8132........................... Grantmaking and Giving Services.

8133........................... Social Advocacy Organizations.

8134........................... Civic and Social Organizations.

8139........................... Business, Professional, Labor, Political, and Similar Organizations.

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(Cross Reference: 1904.2)

71-339. Reportingfatalities, hospitalizations, amputations, and losses of an eye as a result of work-related incidents to OSHA.

(a) Basic requirement.

(1) Within eight (8) hours after the death of any employee as a result of a work-related incident, you must report the fatality to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor.

(2) Within twenty-four (24) hours after the in-patient hospitalization of one or more employees or an employee's amputation or an employee's loss of an eye, as a result of a work-related incident, you must report the in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye to OSHA.

(3) You must report the fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye using one of the following methods:

(i) By telephone (1-803-896-7672) or in person to the South Carolina OSHA Office.

(ii) By telephone to the OSHA toll-free central telephone number, 1-800-321-OSHA (1-800-321-6742).

(b) Implementation--(1) If the OSHA Office is closed, may I report the fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye by leaving a message on OSHA's answering machine, faxing the office, or sending an email?

No, if the OSHA Office is closed, you must report the fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye by either using 1-803-896-7672 or the 800 number.

(2) What information do I need to give to OSHA about the in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye? You must give OSHA the following information for each fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye:

(i) The establishment name;

(ii) The location of the work-related incident;

(iii) The time of the work-related incident;

(iv) The type of reportable event (i.e., fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye);

(v) The number of employees who suffered a fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye;

(vi) The names of the employees who suffered a fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye;

(vii) Your contact person and his or her phone number; and

(viii) A brief description of the work-related incident.

(3) Do I have to report the fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye if it resulted from a motor vehicle accident on a public street or highway? If the motor vehicle accident occurred in a construction work zone, you must report the fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye. If the motor vehicle accident occurred on a public street or highway, but not in a construction work zone, you do not have to report the fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye to OSHA. However, the fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye must be recorded on your OSHA injury and illness records, if you are required to keep such records.

(4) Do I have to report the fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye if it occurred on a commercial or public transportation system? No, you do not have to report the fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye to OSHA if it occurred on a commercial or public transportation system (e.g., airplane, train, subway, or bus). However, the fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye must be recorded on your OSHA injury and illness records, if you are required to keep such records.

(5) Do I have to report a work-related fatality or in-patient hospitalization caused by a heart attack? Yes, your local OSHA compliance office will decide whether to investigate the event, depending on the circumstances of the heart attack.

(6) What if the fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye does not occur during or right after the work-related incident? You must only report a fatality to OSHA if the fatality occurs within thirty (30) days of the work-related incident. For an in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye, you must only report the event to OSHA if it occurs within twenty-four (24) hours of the work-related incident. However, the fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye must be recorded on your OSHA injury and illness records, if you are required to keep such records.

(7) What if I don't learn about a reportable fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye right away? If you do not learn about a reportable fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye at the time it takes place, you must make the report to OSHA within the following time period after the fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye is reported to you or to any of your agent(s): Eight (8) hours for a fatality, and twenty-four (24) hours for an in-patient hospitalization, an amputation, or a loss of an eye.

(8) What if I don't learn right away that the reportable fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye was the result of a work-related incident? If you do not learn right away that the reportable fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye was the result of a work-related incident, you must make the report to OSHA within the following time period after you or any of your agent(s) learn that the reportable fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye was the result of a work-related incident: Eight (8) hours for a fatality, and twenty-four (24) hours for an in-patient hospitalization, an amputation, or a loss of an eye.

(9) How does OSHA define "in-patient hospitalization"? OSHA defines in-patient hospitalization as a formal admission to the in-patient service of a hospital or clinic for care or treatment.

(10) Do I have to report an in-patient hospitalization that involves only observation or diagnostic testing? No, you do not have to report an in-patient hospitalization that involves only observation or diagnostic testing. You must only report to OSHA each in-patient hospitalization that involves care or treatment.

(11) How does OSHA define "amputation"? An amputation is the traumatic loss of a limb or other external body part. Amputations include a part, such as a limb or appendage, that has been severed, cut off, amputated (either completely or partially); fingertip amputations with or without bone loss; medical amputations resulting from irreparable damage; amputations of body parts that have since been reattached. Amputations do not include avulsions, enucleations, deglovings, scalpings, severed ears, or broken or chipped teeth.

(Cross Reference: 1904.39)

**Fiscal Impact Statement:**

There will be no cost incurred by the State or any of its political subdivisions for these regulations.

**Statement of Rationale:**

The updated regulations will clarify what is recognized and required by SC OSHA.