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CIRCULAR LETTER 3012—SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

TO: Members of the Bureau

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RE: Mechanized Logging

This circular is intended to serve as a reminder to member companies that code 2709 Logging or Lumbering: Mechanized Equipment Operations and Drivers became effective 10-1-06.

This classification applies to logging contractors who utilize mechanized equipment including, but 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 their duties. Code 2702 Logging or Lumbering: Non-mechanized Equipment Operations and Drivers remains applicable for manual logging activities. A division of payroll for codes 2702 and 2709 is allowed, provided that proper payroll records are maintained.

Code 2709, as part of the transition process for this new classification, currently maintains the same rate as code 2702. However, as we expect a separate rate will eventually be calculated, carriers are reminded that should the aforementioned mechanized equipment be utilized in your insured's operations, this class should be added to the policy. This classification may be added at any time during the course of the policy, as well as upon audit.