

Resolution of the Panel of Administrators

Number: 2001/10/31-02

Date: October 31, 2001

Subject: Forestry Classifications

WHEREAS:

Pursuant to section 82 of the *Workers Compensation Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 492 and amendments thereto (the "Act"), the Panel of Administrators (the "Panel") must approve and superintend the policies and direction of the Workers' Compensation Board (the "Board"), including policies respecting compensation, assessment, rehabilitation and occupational safety and health, and must review and approve the operating policies of the Board;

AND WHEREAS:

Pursuant to section 37 of the Act, all industries within the scope of the Act are divided into classes;

AND WHEREAS:

Pursuant to section 37(2) of the Act, the Board may create new classes, consolidate or rearrange any existing class, assign an employer, independent operator or industry to one or more classes, withdraw from a class an employer, independent operator or industry, a part of a class or subclass or a part of a subclass, and transfer it to another class, or form it into a separate class;

AND WHEREAS:

If the Board exercises authority under section 37(2), it may make the adjustment and disposition of the funds, reserves and accounts of the classes affected that the Board considers just and expedient;

AND WHEREAS:

Pursuant to section 42 of the Act, the Board must establish subclassifications, differentials and proportions in the rates as between the different kinds of employment in the same class as may be considered just; and where the Board thinks a particular industry or plant is shown to be so circumstanced or conducted that the hazard or cost of compensation differs from the average of the class or subclass to which the industry or plant is assigned, the Board must confer or impose on that industry or plant a special rate, differential or assessment to correspond with the relative hazard or cost of compensation of that industry or plant, and for that purpose may also adopt a system of experience rating;

THE PANEL OF ADMINISTRATORS RESOLVES THAT:

1. Pursuant to sections 82, 37 and 42 of the Act, for the purpose of assessment, the classification units listed below will be removed from their 2001 rate group and will form one industry and rate group designated as DR:

2001 Rate Group	Classification Unit
CP	703008 Integrated Logging
CP	703006 Ground Skidding, Horse Logging, Log Loading
CP	703012 Logging Road Construction or Maintenance
CP	703014 Mechanized Tree Falling
CP	703011 Log Processing
CP	703004 Dry Land Sort
CP	703009 Log Booming
CP	703013 Manual Tree Falling and Bucking
CP	732043 Helicopter Logging
CP	703015 Shake Block Cutting
CP	703003 Cable or Hi-Lead Logging

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2. The 2002 assessment rates of the classification and rate group DR, created in paragraph 1 above, will be as follows:

2002 Rate Group	Classification Unit	2002 Assessment Rate
DR	703008 Integrated Logging	6.41
DR	703006 Ground Skidding, Horse Logging, Log Loading	6.41
DR	703012 Logging Road Construction or Maintenance	6.32
DR	703014 Mechanized Tree Falling	6.41
DR	703011 Log Processing	6.41
DR	703004 Dry Land Sort	6.32
DR	703009 Log Booming	6.32
DR	703013 Manual Tree Falling and Bucking	11.06
DR	732043 Helicopter Logging	10.97
DR	703015 Shake Block Cutting	12.14
DR	703003 Cable or Hi-Lead Logging	12.23

3. A review of forestry classification units and rate groups will be conducted in consultation with industry representatives, so that a decision on the classification of the industry can be reached before assessment rates are determined for 2003.
4. This is a policy decision of the Panel of Administrators and is effective January 1, 2002.

DATED at Richmond, British Columbia, November 14, 2001.

