

policy as of the time of the OWCP's approval of the employer to be self-insured, or who does not become otherwise insured under this Act. The succeeding regulations relating to self-insurers require the deposit of security in the form either of an indemnity bond or negotiable securities (at the option of the employer) of a kind and in an amount determined by the Office, and prescribe the conditions under which such deposit shall be made. The term "self-insurer" as used in these regulations means any employer securing compensation in accordance with the provisions of 33 U.S.C. 932(a)(2) and with these regulations.

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§ 703.302 Application for authority to become a self-insurer; how filed; information to be submitted; other requirements.

Application for authority to become a self-insurer may be made by any employer desiring such privilege and shall be addressed to the OWCP and be made on a form provided by the Office. Such application shall contain:

(a) A statement of the employer's payroll report for the preceding 12 months; (b) a statement of the average number of employees engaged in employment within the purview of the LHWCA or any of its extensions for the preceding 12 months; (c) a statement of the number of injuries to such employees resulting in disability of more than 7 days' duration, or in death, during each of 3 years next preceding the date of the application; (d) a certified financial report for each of the three years preceding the application; (e) a description of the facilities maintained or the arrangements made for the medical and hospital care of injured employees; and (f) a statement describing the provisions and maximum amount of any excess or catastrophic insurance. The Office may in its discretion require the applicant to submit such further information or such evidence as the Office may deem necessary to have in order to enable it to give adequate consideration to such application. Such application shall be signed by the applicant over his typewritten name and if the applicant is not an individual, by an officer of the applicant duly authorized

to make such application over his typewritten name and official designation and shall be sworn to by him. If the applicant is a corporation, the corporate seal shall be affixed. The application shall be filed with the OWCP national office in Washington, DC. The regulations in this part shall be binding upon each applicant hereunder and the applicant's consent to be bound by all requirements of the said regulations shall be deemed to be included in and a part of the application, as fully as though written therein.

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§ 703.303 Decision upon application of employer; deposit of negotiable securities or indemnity bond.

The decision of the Office to grant an application of an employer for authority to pay compensation under said Act as a self-insurer will be transmitted to the applicant on a form prescribed by the Office. Such grant shall be conditioned upon a deposit of security in the form of an indemnity bond or of negotiable securities in an amount fixed by the Office, and the execution and filing of an agreement and undertaking in the form prescribed by the Office, as required by § 703.304.

§ 703.304 Filing of agreement and undertaking.

The applicant for the privilege of self-insurance shall as a condition subsequent to receiving authorization to act as a self-insurer, execute and file with the Office and agreement and undertaking in a form prescribed and provided by the Office in which the applicant shall agree: (a) To pay when due, as required by the provisions of said Act, all compensation payable on account of injury or death of any of its employees injured within the purview of said Act; (b) in such cases to furnish medical, surgical, hospital, and other attendance, treatment and care as required by the provisions of said Act; (c) to deposit with the Office an indemnity bond in the amount which the Office

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shall fix, or to deposit negotiable securities as provided for by the regulations in this part in the amount which the Office shall fix, accordingly as elected in the application; (d) to authorize the Office to sell such negotiable securities so deposited or any part thereof and from the proceeds thereof to pay such compensation, medical, and other expenses and any accrued penalties imposed by law as it may find to be due and payable; and (e) to obtain and maintain, if required by the Office, excess or catastrophic insurance, in amounts to be determined by the Office.

[50 FR 407, Jan. 3, 1985]

§ 703.305 Decision upon application of employer; furnishing of indemnity bond or deposit of negotiable securities required.

The applicant for the privilege of self-insurance, as a condition subsequent to receiving authorization to act as self-insurer, shall give security for the payment of compensation and the discharge of all other obligations under the said Act, in the amount fixed by the Office, which may be in the form of an indemnity bond with sureties satisfactory to the Office, or of a deposit of negotiable securities as provided in the regulations in this part. The amount of such security so to be fixed and required by the Office shall be such as the Office shall deem to be necessary and sufficient to secure the performance by the applicant of all obligations imposed upon him as an employer by the Act. In fixing the amount of such security the Office will take into account the financial standing of the employer, the nature of the work in which he is engaged, the hazard of the work in which the employees are employed, the payroll exposure, and the accident experience as shown in the application and the Office's records, and any other facts which the Office may deem pertinent. Additional security may be required at any time in the discretion of the Office. The indemnity bond which is required by these regulations shall be in such form, and shall contain such provisions, as the Office may prescribe: *Provided*, That only surety companies approved by the United States Treasury Department under the laws of the

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United States and the rules and regulations governing bonding companies may act as sureties on such indemnity bonds.

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§ 703.306 Kinds of negotiable securities which may be deposited; conditions of deposit; acceptance of deposits.

An applicant for the privilege of self-insurance electing to deposit negotiable securities to secure his obligations under said Act in the amount fixed by the Office under the regulations in this part shall deposit any negotiable securities acceptable as security for the deposit of public monies of the United States under regulations issued by the Secretary of the Treasury. The approval, valuation, acceptance, and custody of such securities is hereby committed to the several Federal Reserve Banks and the Treasurer of the United States when authorized under the regulations in this part to receive deposits of such securities.

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§ 703.307 Deposits of negotiable securities with Federal Reserve banks or the Treasurer of the United States; authority to sell such securities; interest thereon.

Deposits of securities provided for by the regulations in this part shall be made with any Federal Reserve bank or any branch of a Federal Reserve bank designated by the Office, or the Treasurer of the United States, and shall be held subject to the order of the Office with power in the Office, in its discretion in the event of default by the said self-insurer, to collect the interest and the principal as they may become due, to sell the securities or any of them as may be required to discharge the obligations of the self-insurer under said Act and to apply the proceeds to the payment of any compensation or medical expense for which the self-insurer may be liable. The Office may, however, whenever it deems it unnecessary to resort to such securities for the payment of compensation, authorize the self-insurer to collect interest on the securities deposited by him.