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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 1643

To All Members and Subscribers of the Bureau:

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS ASSESSMENT

The Department of Industrial Accidents has released the following official assessment rates to be applied to policies effective July 1, 1993 and thereafter.

Public Employers       .030
Private Employers      .032

These assessment rates are the result of an analysis of the financial needs of the Chapter 152, Section 65 funds for fiscal year 1994, and should be applied against the premiums of public and private policyholders, respectively.

Member carriers are reminded that under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 152 it is permissible for an employer, which has a policy with a workers’ compensation insurer, to chose not to fully participate in the Workers’ Compensation Trust Fund. The notice of non-participation must be filed with the Commissioner of the Department of Industrial Accidents by March 1st of any year in order to be effective as of July 1st of that year, and once properly filed and approved by the Department of Industrial Accidents, is irrevocable.
Prior to issuing any policy under the "Opt-Out" provision, carriers should confirm that the employer has been approved for non-participation. A list of approved employers is attached. Any questions should be directed to:

Ms. Joan Endres  
Department of Industrial Accidents  
600 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02111  
(617) 727-4900 Ext. 232

The assessment rate for private employers who have "Opted-Out" is .020. The assessment rate for public employers who have "Opted-Out" is .000 (zero). The assessment rates indicated at the beginning of this Circular will apply to the overwhelming majority of employers who have not elected the "Opt-Out" provision of Massachusetts statute.

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Attachment
### APPROVED NON-PARTICIPATION: §65, C. 152

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**P.E.R.A.**

**M.I.I.A.**

#### CITY
- Beverly
- Cambridge
- Fall River
- Haverhill
- Holyoke
- Lowell
- Marlborough
- New Bedford
- Quincy
- Somerville
- Springfield
- Westfield
- Worcester

#### TOWN
- Amherst
- Arlington
- Barnstable
- Bellingham
- Boxborough
- Danvers
- Dedham
- Framingham
- Franklin
- Hingham
- Lexington
- Marion
- Methuen
- Middleborough
- Needham
- Norwood
- Reading
- Somerset
- South Hadley
- Stow

#### PRIVATES
- Harvard Community Health
- Sturdy Memorial Hospital
- Deaconess Hospital
- Unicco
- Market Basket Inc.
- DeMoulas
- Stop & Shop Companies, Inc.
- Purity
- Morton International
- Armstrong
- The Gillette Company
- St. Johnsbury
- Cape Cod Hospital
- Yellow Freight Systems, Inc.
- Norwood Hospital
- MA Retail Merchants' Workers' Compensation Trust
- The Flatley Company
- Federal Express
- Boston College
- New England Medical Center Hospitals
- Salem Hospital

#### AUTHORITY
- Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

- MA Education & Gov't Assn Workers' Compensation Trust