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INTRODUCTORY

§ 801.1 Purpose and scope of this part.

This part 801 describes the establishment and the organizational structure of the Benefits Review Board of the Department of Labor, sets forth the general rules applicable to operation of the Board, and defines terms used in this chapter.

§ 801.2 Definitions and use of terms.

(a) For purposes of this chapter, except where the content clearly indicates otherwise, the following definitions apply:

(1) *Acts* means the several Acts listed in §§ 801.102 and 802.101 of this chapter, as amended and extended, unless otherwise specified.

(2) *Board* means the Benefits Review Board established by section 21 of the LHWCA (33 U.S.C. 921) as described in § 801.101, and as provided in this part and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 38-72 (38 FR 90). Mention in these regulations of the "permanent Board" refers to the five permanent Board members only.

(3) *Chairman* or *Chairman of the Board* means Chairman of the Benefits Review Board. The Chairman of the Board is officially entitled Chief Administrative Appeals Judge.

(4) *Secretary* means the Secretary of Labor.

(5) *Department* means the Department of Labor.

(6) *Judge* means an administrative law judge appointed as provided in 5 U.S.C. 3105 and subpart B of 5 CFR part 930, who is qualified to preside at hearings under 5 U.S.C. 557 and is empowered by the Secretary to conduct formal hearings whenever necessary in respect of any claim for benefits or compensation arising under the Acts.

(7) *Chief Administrative Law Judge* means the Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Department of Labor.

(8) *Director* means the Director of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs of the Department of Labor (hereinafter OWCP).

(9) *Deputy commissioner* means a person appointed as provided in sections 39 and 40 of the LHWCA or his designee, authorized by the Director to make decisions and orders in respect to claims arising under the Acts.

(10) *Party* or *Party in Interest* means the Secretary or his designee and any person or business entity directly affected by the decision or order from which an appeal to the Board is taken.

(11) *Day* means calendar day.

(12) *Member* means a member of the Benefits Review Board. Unless specifically stated otherwise, the word "member" shall apply to permanent, temporary and interim members. Permanent Board members are officially entitled Administrative Appeals Judges. Temporary and interim Board members are designated as Acting Administrative Appeals Judges.

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(b) The definitions contained in this part shall not be considered to derogate from the definitions of terms in the respective Acts.

(c) The definitions pertaining to the Acts contained in the several parts of chapter VI of this title 20 shall be applicable to this chapter as is appropriate.

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§ 801.3 Applicability of this part to 20 CFR part 802.

Part 802 of title 20, Code of Federal Regulations, contains the rules of practice and procedure of the Board. This part 801, including the definitions and usages contained in § 801.2, is applicable to part 802 of this chapter as appropriate.

ESTABLISHMENT AND AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD

§ 801.101 Establishment.

By Pub. L. 92-576, 82 Stat. 1251, in an amendment made to section 21 of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. 921), there was established effective November 26, 1972, a Benefits Review Board, which is composed of members appointed by the Secretary of Labor.

§ 801.102 Review authority.

(a) The Board is authorized, as provided in 33 U.S.C. 921(b), as amended, to hear and determine appeals raising a substantial question of law or fact taken by any party in interest from decisions or orders with respect to claims for compensation or benefits arising under the following Acts, as amended and extended:

(1) The Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA), 33 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*;

(2) The Defense Base Act (DBA), 42 U.S.C. 1651 *et seq.*;

(3) The District of Columbia Workmen's Compensation Act (DCWCA), 36 D.C. Code 501 *et seq.* (1973);

(4) The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*;

(5) The Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities Act (NFIA), 5 U.S.C. 8171 *et seq.*;

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(6) Title IV, section 415 and part C of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, Public Law 95-164, 91 Stat. 1290 (formerly the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act, hereinafter, FCMHSA, of 1969) as amended by the Black Lung Benefits Reform Act of 1977, Public Law 92-239, 92 Stat. 95, the Black Lung Benefits Revenue Act of 1977, Public Law 95-227, 92 Stat. 11, and the Black Lung Benefits Amendments of 1981, Public Law 97-119, 95 Stat. 1643 (30 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*).

§ 801.103 Organizational placement.

As prescribed by the statute, the functions of the Benefits Review Board are quasi-judicial in nature and involve review of decisions made in the course of the administration of the above statutes by the Employment Standards Administration in the Department of Labor. It is accordingly found appropriate for organizational purposes to place the Board in the Office of the Deputy Secretary and it is hereby established in that Office, which shall be responsible for providing necessary funds, personnel, supplies, equipment, and records services for the Board.

§ 801.104 Operational rules.

The Deputy Secretary of Labor may promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary or appropriate for effective operation of the Benefits Review Board as an independent quasi-judicial body in accordance with the provisions of the statute.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

§ 801.201 Composition of the Board.

(a) The Board shall be composed of five permanent members appointed by the Secretary from among individuals who are especially qualified to serve thereon. Each permanent member shall serve an indefinite term subject to the discretion of the Secretary.

(b) The member designated by the Secretary as Chairman of the Board shall serve as chief administrative officer of the Board and shall have the authority, as delegated by the Secretary, to exercise all administrative functions necessary to operate the Board.

(c) The four remaining members shall be the associate members of the Board.