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Subj: CMPI 610; clarification of (Boatswains, Boatswain's Mates, and Ordinary Seamen on 56-hour workweek)

A review of overtime authorizations reveals a variety of practices in the payment of premium pay to boatswains, boatswain's mates and ordinary seamen when sea time is in effect and the 56-hour workweek is applicable to these ratings.

CMPI 610.1-8b states in part that normally deck nonofficer personnel who stand watch at sea on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays and between the hours of 1700 and 0800 Monday through Friday will not be required to perform work without additional premium pay. Exceptions to this general rule include in part (1) when work cannot be delayed due to necessary operation of the ship and (2) sanitary work.

Raising cargo gear and topping booms for arrivals and securing cargo gear for departures are considered to be duties that cannot be delayed due to the necessary operation of the ship. This work is considered to be an exception to CMPI 610.1-8b as noted in the paragraph immediately above. Therefore, any boatswain, boatswain's mate or ordinary seaman who performs such work during his established 56-hour sea watch on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays may be required to perform this work without premium pay.

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An ordinary seaman on his established 56-hour sea watch on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays who performs work involving the cleaning of deck department crew quarters authorized in CMPI 610.6-6j and other sanitary work described in CMPI 610.6-5e is not entitled to premium pay.

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