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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 234

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES  
FROM: JOHN HARBISON *JH*  
DATE: OCTOBER 6, 1987  
SUBJECT: COST-OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS

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This Circular Letter, which supersedes Circular Letter No. 227, should be used to determine the proper amount of an adjustment to compensation under G.L. c.152, §34B. To calculate the adjustment,\* multiply the claimant's unadjusted weekly compensation by the multiplier for the claimant's year of injury. The multiplier can be found in the following table. For the purpose of the calculation, the year of injury begins on October 1st and ends on September 30th.

### TABLE OF MULTIPLIERS

<u>Year of Injury</u>	<u>Multiplier</u>
1938	14.298595
1939	13.834390
1940	13.876296
1941	12.614815
1942	11.458013
1943	10.425467
1944	10.002950
1945	9.759906
1946	9.257136
1947	3.502195

1948	7.894429
1949	7.777541
1950	7.350571
1951	5.808256
1952	6.534623
1953	6.240988
1954	6.061856
1955	5.791107
1956	5.494446
1957	5.269721
1958	5.082755
1959	4.833894
1960	4.685737
1961	4.537329
1962	4.359424
1963	4.238345
1964	4.042633
1965	3.909923
1966	3.742426
1967	3.586492
1968	3.383885
1969	3.141308
1970	3.127163
1971	2.939596
1972	2.738044
1973	2.633675
1974	2.501348
1975	2.344209
1976	2.192779
1977	2.055695
1978	1.938406
1979	1.802476
1980	1.669060
1981	1.517878
1982	1.379839
1983	1.283212
1984	1.205067
1985	1.140083
1986	1.071512

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\*If the claimant is receiving social security disability benefits the adjusted compensation should be capped at the point where one more dollar in such compensation would have the effect of reducing any social security disability benefits the claimant is receiving. To determine whether and how such a cap should be applied, please refer to the Circular Letter dated October 22, 1986.

TABLE OF ADJUSTED MULTIPLIERS FOR COMPUTING WC COLA'S

YR	SAWW	ANNUAL CHANGE	CAPPED ANNUAL CHANGE	MULTIPLIER	ADJUSTED MULTIPLIER
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1938	25.63	1.034	1.034	16.035895	14.298595
1939	26.49	0.997	0.997	15.515289	13.834390
1940	26.41	1.136	1.100	15.562287	13.876296
1941	29.99	1.183	1.100	13.704568	12.614815
1942	35.49	1.107	1.100	11.580727	11.468013
1943	39.30	1.042	1.042	10.458015	10.425467
1944	40.96	1.025	1.025	10.034180	10.002950
1945	41.98	1.054	1.054	9.790376	9.759906
1946	44.26	1.089	1.089	9.286037	9.257136
1947	48.19	1.077	1.077	8.528740	8.502196
1948	51.90	1.015	1.015	7.919075	7.894429
1949	52.68	1.058	1.058	7.801822	7.777541
1950	55.74	1.080	1.080	7.373520	7.350571
1951	60.18	1.042	1.042	6.829511	6.808256
1952	62.70	1.047	1.047	6.555024	6.534623
1953	65.65	1.030	1.030	6.260472	6.240988
1954	67.59	1.047	1.047	6.080781	6.061856
1955	70.75	1.054	1.054	5.809187	5.791107
1956	74.57	1.043	1.043	5.511600	5.494446
1957	77.75	1.037	1.037	5.286174	5.269721
1958	80.61	1.051	1.051	5.098623	5.082755
1959	84.76	1.032	1.032	4.848985	4.833894
1960	87.44	1.033	1.033	4.700366	4.685737
1961	90.30	1.038	1.038	4.551495	4.537329
1962	93.77	1.031	1.031	4.383065	4.369424
1963	96.67	1.048	1.048	4.251578	4.238345
1964	101.35	1.034	1.034	4.055254	4.042633
1965	104.79	1.045	1.045	3.922130	3.909923
1966	109.48	1.043	1.043	3.754110	3.742426
1967	114.24	1.060	1.060	3.597689	3.586492
1968	121.08	1.077	1.077	3.394450	3.383885
1969	130.43	1.005	1.005	3.151116	3.141308
1970	131.02	1.064	1.064	3.136926	3.127163
1971	139.38	1.074	1.074	2.948773	2.939596
1972	149.64	1.040	1.040	2.746592	2.738044
1973	155.57	1.053	1.053	2.641898	2.633675
1974	163.80	1.067	1.067	2.509158	2.501348
1975	174.78	1.069	1.069	2.351528	2.344209
1976	186.85	1.067	1.067	2.199625	2.192779
1977	199.31	1.061	1.061	2.062114	2.055696
1978	211.37	1.075	1.075	1.944458	1.938406
1979	227.31	1.080	1.080	1.808103	1.802476
1980	245.48	1.100	1.100	1.674271	1.669060
1981	269.93	1.103	1.100	1.522617	1.517878
1982	297.85	1.075	1.075	1.379889	1.379889
1983	320.29	1.065	1.065	1.283212	1.283212
1984	341.06	1.057	1.057	1.205067	1.205067
1985	360.50	1.064	1.064	1.140083	1.140083
1986	383.57	1.072	1.072	1.071512	1.071512
1987	411.00				