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Today, the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) made a subtle revision at its “Recordkeeping” webpage (see above) which indicates that there will be a postponement of the date employers are required to electronically submit annual injury and illness data to the agency. Here’s a link: https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/index.html

The Final Rule required marine cargo handling industry employers to begin electronic filing of this data by July 1, 2017. Now, however, OSHA has suspended the effective date until further notice....

There is speculation that newly installed Secretary of Labor Alex Acosta directed the effective date’s extension, owing to substantial and recent opposition originating within the business community [Petition In Opposition]. Moreover, several outstanding challenges to the regulations still persist at the Federal District Court level.

The ILA-USMX Joint Safety Committee will be closely monitoring the status of this regulation, and will advise labor and management interests of any developments in real time.

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