

Section 2. Promotion of Unifying Social Insurance/Labour Insurance Contribution Levy Work

1. Establishment of Social Insurance/Labour Insurance Contribution Levy Centers

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare has been unifying the contribution levy work of the Social Insurance and Labour Insurance where it is possible to improve accessibility for business operators and the efficiency of that work.

More concretely, “Social Insurance/Labour Insurance Contribution Levy Centers” were established at Social Insurance Offices nationwide. At present, the following work is being unified.

(1) Acceptance of Applications/Notifications

Applications/notifications that are common in both insurances are accepted together, including notification of wages (calculation base notification for Social Insurance) that is the basis for calculating the Social Insurance premiums, notification of insurance premiums (annual Labour Insurance renewal report), and applications for enrolment submitted when new workers are employed.

(2) Holding Explanatory Meetings

Explanatory meetings at workplaces where Social Insurance and Labour Insurances are applicable to are being held to explain how to fill out the application/notification forms for both types of insurance and to provide information on the system reform.

(3) Workplace Investigations and Collecting Unpaid Premiums

Investigation at workplaces on wages and insurance premiums and delinquency management, including repeatedly against workplaces whose premiums for both insurances are overdue, are being executed together.

2. Future Efforts

Further unification of contribution levy work of the Social Insurance and Labour Insurance will be made in the future as follows.

- ① Regarding matters requiring legislative changes, such as unifying the submission deadline for the annual Labour Insurance renewal report (May 20) and that of the calculation basis notifications for Social Insurance (July 10) to July 10 will be provided through the “Law to Amend the National Pension Law to improve the management of the National Pension

Business” approved in June 2007. Preparation is underway toward enforcing the revised law in April 2009.

- ② Unification of work will also be reviewed from the operational side. For example, application/notification forms for Labour Insurance and Social Insurance will have their description reviewed to be integrated into a common format.