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in such cases where article three binds such employer and such laborer or assistant, it shall not be in effect between the intermediate employer or contractor and such laborer or assistant, unless otherwise expressly agreed.

(c) Any notice given hereunder by an employer to his employees need not be addressed to each employee individually, but may be addressed to all employees. Proof of service of any number of statements or notices may be made in one affidavit, but such affidavit shall state the time and place of each service.

Section 303. Such agreement shall constitute an acceptance of all the provisions of article three of this act, and shall operate as a surrender by the parties thereto of their rights to any form or amount of compensation or damages for any disability or death resulting from occupational disease, or to any method of determination thereof, other than as provided in article three of this act. Such agreement shall bind the employer and his personal representatives, and the employee, his or her wife, or husband, widow or widower, next of kin, and other dependents.

Section 304. Any agreement between employer and employee for the operation or nonoperation of the provisions of article three of this act may be terminated by the posting of notice by the employer or by either party upon thirty days' notice to the other in writing, if a copy of such notice, with proof of posting or proof of service, be filed in the department as provided in section three hundred and two of this article.

†Section 304.1. The Secretary of Labor and Industry shall, within ninety (90) days after the effective date of this amendatory act, prepare a brochure of instructions setting forth the rights of an employee in the event of disability or death caused by occupational disease and informing him of the time and manner in which claims should be filed. A copy of such brochure shall be provided each insurance company authorized to write insurance policies covering occupational diseases under this act. Such insurance companies shall prepare at their own expense copies of said brochure for distribution to such insured employers. Each insurance company shall prepare the brochures immediately upon receipt of the sample brochure from the Secretary of Labor and Industry in such quantity as required by employers for distribution to each employee. The employer shall distribute such brochures to each employee at the time of hiring and to each existing employee within thirty (30) days after the receipt of the brochure.

*Section 305. Every employer liable under this act to pay compensation shall insure the payment of compensation in the State Workmen's Insurance Fund, or in any insurance company, or mutual association or company, authorized to insure such liability in this Commonwealth, unless such employer shall be exempted by the department from such insurance. An employer desiring to be exempt from insuring the whole or any part of his liability for compensation shall make application to the department, showing his financial ability to pay such compensation, whereupon the department, if the applicant establishes his financial ability, shall issue to the applicant a permit authorizing such exemption. From a refusal of the department to issue such permit an appeal

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* As amended by Act No. 356, Laws of 1955, effective March 29, 1956.