Sec. 8149. Regulations

The Secretary of Labor may prescribe rules and regulations

necessary for the administration and enforcement of this subchapter

including rules and regulations for the conduct of hearings under

section 8124 of this title. The rules and regulations shall provide

for an Employee's Compensation Appeals Board of three individuals

designated or appointed by the Secretary with authority to hear

and, subject to applicable law and the rules and regulations of the

Secretary, make final decisions on appeals taken from

determinations and awards with respect to claims of employees. In

adjudicating claims under section 8146 of this title, the Secretary

may determine the nature and extent of the proof and evidence

required to establish the right to benefits under this subchapter

without regard to the date of injury or death for which claim is made.