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LABELS OR COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATES NOT NECESSARY.

Deputy Administrator Paul Sifton of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, announced today (Monday) that labels and certificates of compliance on invoices are not required under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

"Many employers have inquired whether or not it was necessary to put a label on goods, or a statement on invoices, that the Fair Labor Standards Act had been complied with," Mr. Sifton said. "The Act contains no requirement that goods bear any special label or that certificates of compliance must be furnished to purchasers. Nor does the Act authorize the Administrator to prescribe such labels or certificates by regulation.

"Such labels, or certificates of compliance, or contracts of indemnity, are purely a matter of private contract between the buyer and the seller, and they may serve a useful purpose in some cases.

"It should be made perfectly clear, however, that such a label or certificate is in no sense the official act of the Administrator certifying that the requirements of the Law have been met. Such labels or certificates are no guarantee to the purchaser that he will be free from prosecution or injunction for the violation of Section 15(a), dealing with 'hot goods'."
