

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
Washington, D. C.

SEASONAL EXEMPTION TENTATIVELY GRANTED TO
DIVISION OF TOBACCO INDUSTRY

A partial exemption as a seasonal industry for the auction tobacco warehouse industry, also known as the loose-leaf tobacco warehouse industry, was indicated today when Administrator Elmer F. Andrews, of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, made public a preliminary finding declaring that there was prima facie evidence that this industry, handling certain types of tobacco, was seasonal in nature.

The action was taken at the request of employers in this field whose petitions were studied by Mr. Merle D. Vincent, Chief of the Hearings and Exemptions Section of the Division, on whose recommendation Mr. Andrews acted. These warehouse men, handling flue-cured, burley, fire-cured, and dark air-cured leaf tobaccos, hold the product no more than 24 hours after the sale at auction. At a very few of these warehouses, the tobacco is also stripped and graded.

Mr. Andrews announced that a fifteen-day period would elapse before he will make a final determination that the industry is a seasonal one.

Hearings will be granted any objectors to the exemption who file within two weeks.

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