

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

SUGAR HEARING SCHEDULED

A public hearing on an application by the Association of Sugar Producers of Puerto Rico for a further amendment to the regulations governing "area of production" under the Fair Labor Standards Act was set today by Administrator Elmer F. Andrews, Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, for 10 A.M., March 23. The hearing will be held in Room 3229 of the Labor Building in Washington, before a presiding officer to be designated by the Administrator. The question on which all interested parties will be heard is as follows:

"What, if any, amendment should be made of Section 536.2 of the regulation issued under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 with respect to the processing of sugar cane into sugar (but not the refining of sugar), or into syrup or into molasses."

The Association has petitioned the Administrator to add a new sub-paragraph to the regulations, the addition to read in substance as follows:

"With respect to sugar cane and its products if he (the employee) is engaged in the processing of sugar cane into raw sugar (but not refined sugar), sugar syrup, or molasses, from sugar cane produced on nearby farms or in transportation, handling or storage in connection with such processing."

The amendment petitioned for would have the effect of exempting such employees from both the wage and hour provisions of the Act under Section 13(a) (10).

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