

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
Wage and Hour Division  
Washington

CIGAR LEARNER HEARING JULY 20, 1939

A hearing in the application of Jno. H. Swisher & Son, Inc., of Jacksonville, Fla., for permission to employ learners in their cigar factory at wages lower than the minimum prescribed in the Wage and Hour Law, will be held before Merle D. Vincent, Chief of the Hearings and Exemptions Section, at 10 A. M. Thursday, July 20, 1939, in Room 304, Wage and Hour Division, 10th and D Streets, Washington, D. C.

The firm has asked for the issuance of special learners' certificates covering more than 600 jobs. Included in those for whom exemptions are sought are workers on cigar-rolling machines, cigar-bunching machines, stemmers, cellophane machine operators and cigar packers.

The application of the Swisher firm is the first to come up for action in a field other than the apparel industry, in which several learners' certificates have been issued. Since the action taken in this case will assist in determining which, if any, occupations in this industry are skilled and require a substantial learning period, Mr. Vincent, who has been designated by Administrator Elmer F. Andrews to pass upon such cases, has invited representatives of the Cigar Manufacturers' Association and other interested parties to be present at the hearing.

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