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PRIMA FACIE CASE SHOWN FOR GRANTING "SEASONAL" EXEMPTION IN SPRING
FRESHET DRIVING OF LUMBER IN MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, AND WISCONSIN

Administrator Elmer F. Andrews of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, today made a determination that a prima facie case had been shown for the granting of a limited exemption from the hours provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act for spring freshet driving of lumber in the states of Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin as a "seasonal" industry. A fifteen-day period during which objectors may be heard will elapse before a final determination is made by the Administrator.

Administrator Andrews issued the preliminary determination on an application filed by the Timber Producers' Association of Minnesota. The Administrator already held, after a public hearing on April 17 and 18, that spring freshet driving in the states of Maine, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont was entitled to the "seasonal" exemption provided in Section 7(b)(3) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and Part 526 of the Regulations issued thereunder.

The Administrator's preliminary determination in the case of spring freshet driving in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin is published in today's (Tuesday) Federal Register.

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