

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
Washington

ADMINISTRATOR ANDREWS APPROVES RECOMMENDATIONS OF  
HOSIERY INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

Approval of the unanimous minimum wage recommendation for the hosiery industry by a wage order effective nationally Sept. 18, was announced today by Elmer F. Andrews, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor. This will be the first minimum wage order under the Fair Labor Standards Act and follows a recommendation made by an industry committee appointed under Section 8 of the Act.

The Hosiery Industry Committee recommended two minimum wage rates: 32½¢ an hour for the seamless division of the industry which, it is estimated, will increase the wages of 30,000 workers, and 40¢ an hour for the manufacture of full-fashioned hosiery, which, it is estimated, will increase the wage rate of 16,000 workers. These estimates are based on Bureau of Labor Statistics' totals of those presently employed at rates less than the recommended minimums.

In announcing his decision, Mr. Andrews made the following statement:

"I have decided to approve the recommendation of Industry Committee No. 3 for the hosiery industry and to make the minimum wage order based thereon effective Sept. 18. The Hosiery Industry Committee unanimously recommended a minimum rate of 32½ cents an hour for the seamless branch of the hosiery industry and a minimum rate of 40 cents an hour for the full-fashioned branch of the hosiery industry. A hearing was held on this recommendation and I have found that the recommendation has been made in accordance with law, is supported by the evidence adduced at the hearing, and, taking into consideration the same factors as are required to be considered by the industry committee, will carry out the purposes of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

"It appears that the 18th of September will be a date convenient to the industry for placing this recommendation in effect. I am announcing my decision now in order to give the industry adequate time to adjust itself to the minimum wage schedules. My findings and order will be issued at least 15 days in advance of Sept. 18."

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