

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

SPRING FRESHET LUMBER DRIVING EXEMPTION EXTENDED

The spring freshet driving of lumber in the states of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin today was declared to be a seasonal industry and as such entitled to a partial exemption from the hours provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act for a period of not more than 14 workweeks in any calendar year, in a finding made by Administrator Elmer F. Andrews, Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor. Mr. Andrews' finding extends to the lumber industry in the three middle western states, an exemption already enjoyed for similar work in Maine, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont. Today's finding (Federal Register, August 25, 1939) followed action on the application of the Timber Producers' Association of Minnesota for exemption, and permits employment during the exempt period up to 12 hours a day and 56 hours a week without overtime pay.

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