

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

APPAREL HEARING SET FOR OCTOBER 23

Public hearing on the recommendation of the Apparel Industry Committee under the Fair Labor Standards Act will begin at 10:00 A. M., October 23, 1939, in the Hotel Raleigh, Washington, D. C., Administrator Elmer F. Andrews of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, announced today. The Apparel Committee recommended a schedule of minimum wages of 32-1/2, 35, 37-1/2, and 40 cents an hour for 28 divisions of the industry; and a minimum of 30 cents an hour for all apparel manufacture within the committee's jurisdiction in Puerto Rico.

This industry, as defined for the committee, employs some 650,000 workers. The recommended minima, if approved by the Administrator, will increase the hourly wage rates of about 200,000 of these.

Under the provisions of the Act, any interested person may appear in support of or opposition to these recommendations. Persons wishing to appear must file notice to that effect with the Administrator not later than October 18.

The Apparel Industry Committee's recommendation follows:

The Committee recommends for the manufacture of all apparel, apparel furnishings and accessories made by the cutting, sewing, or embroidery processes, (except knitted outerwear, knitted underwear, hosiery, men's fur felt, wool felt, straw and silk hats, and bodices, ladies' and children's millinery, furs, and boots and shoes) the following minimum wage rates to be applicable to the following divisions of the industry in all states of the United States, the District of Columbia and each territory and possession of the United States except Puerto Rico:

MEN'S WEAR

Men's and Boys' Clothing (40 cents)

The manufacture of men's and boys' suits, overcoats, topcoats, tailored uniforms, and men's summer wash suits, not elsewhere specified, from any woven materials or from purchased knitted materials.

Sportswear and Other Odd Outerwear (40 Cents)

The manufacture of men's, women's, and children's sportswear and other odd outerwear, including windbreakers, lumberjackets, mackinaws and mackinaw coats, melton jackets, blanket-lined and similar coats, leatherette coats and jackets, hunting coats and vests, riding clothing, ski-suits and snow-suits (except children's ski-suits and snow-suits), and similar garments not elsewhere specified, from any woven materials or from purchased knitted materials.

Leather and Sheep-Lined Garments (40 Cents)

The manufacture of leather, leather trimmed, and sheep-lined garments for men, women, or children.

Rainwear (40 Cents)

The manufacture of water-proofed garments and raincoats from oiled cloth or other materials, whether vulcanized, rubberized, cravenetted, or otherwise processed.

Single Pants and Breeches Other Than Those of 100 Percent Cotton Fabric (37-1/2 Cents)

The manufacture of men's and boys' separate trousers or pants, breeches and knickers from any fabric except that consisting of 100 percent cotton.

Single Pants of 100 Percent Cotton Fabric, Overalls, Coveralls, and Work Shirts (32-1/2 Cents)

The manufacture of single pants made of 100 percent cotton fabric; overalls; overall jackets (regardless of type of fabric used inlining); men's boys' and children's coveralls; and work shirts.

Dress Shirts, Collars and Sleeping Wear (32-1/2 Cents)

The manufacture of men's and boys' dress shirts, sport shirts, flannel shirts, blouses, collars and sleeping wear from any woven fabric or from any purchased knit fabric.

Men's and Boys' Underwear of Woven Fabric (52-1/2 Cents)

The manufacture of men's and boys' underwear from any woven fabric.

WOMEN'S WEAR

Coats, Suits and Separate Skirts (40 Cents)

The manufacture of women's, misses', juniors' and children's coats, reefers, jackets, capes, wraps, riding habits, knickers, suits, tailored ensembles, skirts and jumper skirts, from any woven materials or from purchased knitted materials.

Dresses (35 Cents)

The manufacture of women's, misses' and juniors' dresses, frocks, gowns and dressmaker ensembles, for whatever use, from any woven materials or from purchased knitted materials.

Blouses, Shirtwaists, Neckwear and Scarfs (35 Cents)

The manufacture of women's, misses' and juniors' blouses, blousettes, waists, shirtwaists, tunic blouses, vestees, guimpes, gilets; women's, misses', juniors' and children's neckwear, toppers, scarfs, rufflings and ruchings, and similar garments from any woven material or from purchased knitted materials.

Corsets and Allied Garments (35 Cents)

The manufacture of corsets, step-in-corsets, brassieres, bandeau-brassieres,arter-belts, girdle corsets or step-in-corsets attached to brassieres or bandeau-brassieres, corselets, foundation garments, all similar body-supporting garments and corset accessories from whatever materials.

Underwear, Nightwear and Negligees made of Woven Fabric (35 Cents)

The manufacture of women's, misses', and children's undershirts, panties, bloomers, top-ins, athletic underwear, slips, petticoats, chemises, nightgowns, pajamas, negligees, housecoats, bed jackets, waist suits, and infants' underwear, from any woven materials.

Infants' and Children's Outerwear (35 Cents)

The manufacture of infants' and children's dresses, skirt and blouse suits, rompers, creepers, sportswear and play apparel, including sun-suits, gym-suits, snow-suits, ski-suits, slacks and beachwear, infants' outerwear, brother and sister suits, by boys' and boys' wash suits and similar infants' and children's garments not elsewhere specified, from any woven materials or from purchased knitted materials.

Robes (35 cents)

The manufacture of men's, women's and children's bath, lounging and beach robes and dressing gowns, from any woven materials or purchased knitted materials.

Washable Service Apparel (35 cents)

The manufacture of women's washable service uniforms; including waitresses', nurses', and maids' uniforms, aprons, jackets, and smocks, and similar washable service garments not elsewhere specified; and the manufacture of men's washable service uniforms (except tailored uniforms) whether as separate coats or trousers, or as combinations thereof, and similar washable service garments not elsewhere specified.

ACCESSORIES AND SPECIAL PRODUCTS

Caps and Cloth Hats (40 cents)

The manufacture of men's and boys' hats or caps, (except men's and boys' fur-felt, wool-felt, straw, and silk and opera hats and bodics) from any woven material, and purchased knitted material, leather, leathorette, or any combination of such materials, including, but without limitation, uniform caps, aviation caps, and shop and railroad caps; and including the manufacture of cap visors, bands, and brims, and the manufacture of sweat bands from any material other than leather.

Belts (40 cents)

The manufacture of men's, boys', women's, misses' and children's separate belts from leather, imitation leather, or other material or fabric.

Embroideries (40 cents)

The production for use in the apparel industry of pleating, tucking, shirring, hemstitching, handrolling, fagotting, stitching, bonnas embroidery, crocheting, crochet beading, hand drawing, machine drawing, rhinestone trimming, eyelets (except automatic eyelets), nailheads, binding, piping, and all other embroidery and stitching, not elsewhere specified.

Hand Embroidery, Hand-machine Embroidery and Schiffli Embroidery and Laces (32½ Cents)

The production for use in the apparel industry of hand embroidery, hand-machine embroidery and Schiffli embroidery and laces.

Covered Buttons and Buckles (35 cents)

The manufacturing process of covering buttons and buckles with cloth, leather or similar materials.

Garters, Suspenders and Arm Bands (35 cents)

The manufacture of garters, suspenders, arm bands, and other elastic woven products (except orthopedic and athletic) from webbing, leather, or other material.

Ladies' Handbags (35 Cents)

The manufacture of ladies', misses' and children's handbags, pocketbooks and purses from any material of any kind or nature; except metal handbags, pocketbooks, purses and mesh bags.

Artificial Flowers and Feathers (35 Cents)

The manufacture, processing and fabrication of artificial flowers, buds, foliage, fruits, plants, and feathers, or parts thereof from any material; and the preservation and processing of natural flowers and feathers.

Men's Neckwear and Scarfs (35 Cents)

The manufacture of men's and boys' neckties, scarfs and mufflers from any woven materials or from purchased knitted materials.

Gloves and Mittens Other Than Work Gloves and Mittens (35 Cents)

The manufacture of all gloves and mittens, (except athletic) other than work gloves and mittens, from leather, woven or knitted fabrics or from any combinations of these materials.

Work Gloves and Mittens (32-1/2 Cents)

The manufacture of work gloves and mittens from fabric, leather, or fabric and leather combined, or knitted materials.

Handkerchiefs (32-1/2 Cents)

The manufacture of men's, women's and children's handkerchiefs, plain or ornamented, from any materials.

IN PUERTO RICO

All Products Made in Puerto Rico (30 Cents)

All Products made in Puerto Rico included within the definition of the apparel industry.