

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

HEARING ON NEED FOR LEARNERS IN CIGAR MAKING INDUSTRY NOVEMBER 1

A hearing to determine the need for learners in the cigar manufacturing industry, the length of the learning period and the wages to be paid during the learning period, will be held in the Labor Department Building at 10:00 A. M. November 1, it was announced today (Federal Register October 17, 1939) by Administrator Elmer F. Andrews of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor. Mr. Andrews acted upon applications made by the Cigar Manufacturers Association, Inc., 200 Fifth Avenue, New York City; the York County Cigar Manufacturers Association, Red Lion, Pennsylvania; the Florida Cigar Manufacturers Association of Tampa; and Alles and Fisher, Inc., of Boston, for permission to employ learners in the cigar manufacturing industry at wages less than the minimum wage specified in the Fair Labor Standards Act. The statutory minimum, now 25 cents an hour, becomes 30 cents an hour on October 24. Merle D. Vincent, Chief of the Hearings and Exemptions Section, was designated by Mr. Andrews to conduct the hearing, which will cover the manufacture of both machine-made and hand-made cigars. Any person desiring to be heard should so advise Mr. Vincent at the Wage and Hour Division offices prior to noon, October 31, specifying the branch of the industry to which his testimony will be directed and the length of his testimony.

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