

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

APPALACHIAN APPLE SEASONAL EXEMPTION HEARING NOVEMBER 2

A hearing on the application of the Winchester Cold Storage Company, Inc., and other parties, for the exemption of the cold storage of apples in apple storage warehouses in the Appalachian area from the maximum hours provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, as a seasonal industry, was set today (Federal Register October 21, 1939) by the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, for 10:00 A.M., November 2, in Room 3229, Labor Building, Washington, D. C. Harold Stein, Assistant Chief of the Hearings and Exemptions Section, Wage and Hour Division, will preside at the hearing, which will inquire into the merits of the application affecting apple storage warehouses in certain parts of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

If the exemption sought is granted, it will exempt from overtime pay the employment up to 12 hours a day or 56 hours a week of workers during a 14-week period. The warehouses involved are located between the Allegheny Mountains on the west, the Blue Ridge Mountains on the east, U. S. Route No. 30 on the north and U. S. Route No. 58 on the south; and in the counties of Albemarle, Nelson, Amherst, Bedford and Henry in Virginia. Those desiring to be heard should, if possible, notify Mr. Stein in advance.

The Administrator on October 4 announced his intention to grant the exemption if no objection was received within 15 days. Objection was received, however, from the Committee of Fair Play for Workers of Winchester, Virginia, made up of Shenandoah Valley workers employed in packing sheds, cold storage warehouses and other apple processing plants in the Valley, and from the Wage and Hour Bureau of the Committee for Industrial Organization, and the hearing was therefore set.

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