

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

REVIEW OF AMENDED DETERMINATION AND ORDER ON EMPLOYMENT OF  
LEARNERS IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY

A review of the determination and order, as amended, of Merle D. Vincent, Director of the Hearings Branch, Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, relating to employment of learners in the Textile Industry has been granted, it was announced today.

According to the notice issued by Harold D. Jacobs, Administrator of the Division, interested parties may submit briefs either in support or opposition to the determination and order up to the close of business February 23, 1940. Briefs in rebuttal may be filed with the Division prior to the close of business on March 8, 1940.

The review of the ruling was granted, Mr. Jacobs said, on the applications of the Throwsters Research Institute and the Southern Cotton Manufacturers' Association, in accordance with regulations issued by the Wage and Hour Division.

The Cotton-Textile Institute and others made application regarding learners in 1938, but withdrew their applications after public hearings in November, without prejudice to renewal of the application at a later date when a higher minimum than the 25-cent rate then prevailing would be in effect. At the request of the Cotton-Textile Institute and sundry other parties, the hearing was reconvened on October 12, 1939, before Merle D. Vincent. As a result, he found that textile mills operating under the 32-1/2 cent minimum wage order could obtain special certificates authorizing employment of learners at subminimum rates. At the same time the Division issued a "Notice of Opportunity to Petition for Review."

At the request of the Curtain Manufacturers' Guild, Incorporated, representing a large portion of the curtain manufacturing industry, the Wage and Hour Division again reopened the hearing on textile learners, insofar as it applied to the manufacture of curtains. The result of this was Mr. Vincent's ruling that no learner certificates will be issued to manufacturers of novelty curtains. This amendment to the original Determination and Order was issued January 22, 1940.

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