

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TITLE 29 - LABOR  
CHAPTER V - WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF INDUSTRY  
COMMITTEE NO. 1-A FOR A MINIMUM WAGE RATE IN THE  
WOOLEN INDUSTRY

WAGE ORDER

Effective June 17, 1940

PART 556 - Minimum Wage Rates in the Woolen Industry

WHEREAS, on January 7, 1939, pursuant to Section 5 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, hereinafter called the Act, the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor by Administrative Order No. 11, appointed Industry Committee No. 1-A for the Woolen Industry, and directed the Committee to recommend minimum wage rates for the Woolen Industry in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Committee included five disinterested persons representing the public and a like number of persons representing employees in the Woolen Industry, and a like number representing employers in the Industry, and each group was appointed with due regard to the geographical regions in which the Industry is carried on; and

WHEREAS, on December 28, 1939, after investigation of conditions in the Industry, the Committee filed with the Administrator a report containing its recommendation for a 36-cent an hour minimum wage rate in the Woolen Industry; and

WHEREAS, after notice published in the Federal Register on January 18, 1940, Thomas Holland, the Presiding Officer designated by the Administrator, held a public hearing upon the Committee's recommendation at Washington, D. C., which commenced on February 5, 1940, and was concluded on February 7, 1940, at which all

interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the complete record of the proceeding before the Presiding Officer was transmitted to the Administrator; and

WHEREAS, all persons appearing at said public hearing before the Presiding Officer were given leave to file briefs on or before March 20, 1940; and

WHEREAS, oral argument was held on April 1, 1940, before the Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator, upon reviewing all the evidence adduced in this proceeding and giving consideration to the provisions of the Act with special reference to Sections 5 and 8, concludes that the Industry Committee recommendation for the Woolen Industry, as defined in Administrative Order No. 24, is made in accordance with law, is supported by the evidence adduced at the hearing, and, taking into consideration the same factors as are required to be considered by the Industry Committee, will carry out the purposes of Section 8 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator has set forth his decision in an opinion entitled "Administrator's Findings and Opinion in the Matter of the Recommendation of Industry Committee No. 1-A for a Minimum Wage Rate in the Woolen Industry," dated this day, a copy of which may be had upon request addressed to the Wage and Hour Division, Washington, D. C.;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT

Section 556.1 Approval of Recommendation of Industry Committee

The Committee's recommendation is hereby approved and, in accordance with such recommendation,

Section 556.2 Wage Rates

Wages at a rate not less than 36 cents an hour shall be paid under Section 6 of the Act by every employer to each of his employees in the Woolen Industry who is engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce; and

Section 556.3 - Posting of Notices

Every employer employing any employees so engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce in the Woolen Industry shall post and keep posted in a conspicuous place in each department of his establishment where such employees are working such notices of this Order as shall be prescribed from time to time by the Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor; and

Section 556.4 - Definition of Woolen Industry

The Woolen Industry, to which this Order shall apply, is hereby defined as follows:

- (a) The manufacturing or processing of all yarns (other than carpet yarns) spun entirely from wool or animal fiber (other than silk); and all processes preparatory thereto;
- (b) The manufacturing, dyeing or other finishing of fabrics and blankets (other than carpets, rugs and pile fabrics) woven from yarns spun entirely of wool or animal fiber (other than silk);
- (c) The manufacturing, dyeing, or other finishing of fulled suitings, coatings, topcoatings, and overcoatings knit from yarns spun entirely of wool or animal fiber (other than silk);
- (d) The picking of rags and clips made entirely from wool or animal fiber (other than silk), and the garnetting of wool or animal fiber (other than silk) from rags, clips, or mill waste; and other processes related thereto;
- (e) The manufacturing of batting, wadding or filling made entirely of wool or animal fiber (other than silk);
- (f) The manufacturing or processing of all yarns (other than carpet yarns) spun from wool or animal fiber (other than silk) in combination with cotton, silk, flax, jute or any synthetic fiber; except the manufacturing or processing on systems other than the woolen system

of yarns containing not more than 45 percent by weight of wool or animal fiber (other than silk) in combination with cotton, silk, flax, jute or any synthetic fiber;

- (g) The manufacturing, dyeing or other finishing of the products enumerated in clauses (b), (c), (d), and (e) from wool or animal fiber (other than silk) in combination with cotton, silk, flax, jute or any synthetic fiber; except products containing not more than 25 percent by weight of wool or animal fiber (other than silk), with a margin of tolerance of 2 percent to meet the exigencies of manufacture.

Section 556.5 - Effective Date

This Wage Order shall become effective on the 17th day of June, 1940.

Signed at Washington, D. C., this 13th day of May, 1940. Sections 556.1 to 556.5, inclusive, issued under the authority contained in Sec. 8, 52 Stat. 1064; 29 U.S.C., Sup. IV, 208.

  
Philip B. Fleming, Administrator  
Wage and Hour Division  
Department of Labor

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