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

## WOOLEN AND HAT INDUSTRY COMMITTEES DISSOLVED

Two industry committees under the Fair Labor Standards Act which have investigated economic conditions in industries and have recommended minimum wage rates, were dissolved today by Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor. (Federal Register, May 21, 1940.)

They are Industry Committee No. 1-A for the Woolen Industry, and Industry Committee No. 4 for the Hat Industry. The Administrator has issued a wage order making the 36 cents-an-hour recommendation for the Woolen Industry effective June 17, 1940. The wage order for the Hat Industry becomes effective July 1. It prescribes payment of at least 40 cents an hour for the manufacture of hats except straw hats which are to be made at a rate of at least 35 cents an hour in the United States and at least 30 cents an hour in Puerto Rico.

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