

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

"FIRST PROCESSING" OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES TO BE
INCLUDED IN JULY 1 WAGE-HOUR HEARING ON SEASONALITY

The hearing on applications for the partial exemption from the hours provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act, of the handling, packing, storing, preparing in their raw or natural state or canning of fresh fruits and vegetables as industries of a seasonal nature was broadened today by Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, to include the first processing of such perishable or seasonal fresh fruits or vegetables. The hearing is scheduled for 10:00 A. M. July 1, at the Hotel Raleigh, before Merle D. Vincent, Director of the Hearings Branch of the Division.

The broadening of the hearing was designed to include, among others, such first processing operations as the salting or brining operations involved in the making of kraut, pickles and maraschino cherries.

The revised notice of hearing (Federal Register, June 21, 1940) also provided that those unable to appear at the hearing can file statements covering points upon which information is needed in making the determination. These points are: (1) length of operating season in weeks for each commodity for past several seasons; (2) length of operating season in weeks, in plants operating on more than one commodity for past several seasons, and (3) proportion of total volume of all commodities handled, packed, stored, canned, prepared or processed during 14-week period or periods of maximum operation during past several seasons.

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