

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

RAW FUR SEASONAL EXEMPTION HEARING

A public hearing on the application for partial exemption from the hours provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of the raw fur receiving industry, as an industry of a seasonal nature, will be held at 10 A. M. on August 14, 1940, at Room 3229, United States Department of Labor Building, Washington, D. C., it was announced today by Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division. Harold Stein, Assistant Director of the Hearings Branch will preside.

The application was filed by the Raw Fur and Wool Association of St. Louis, Mo., and the American Fur Merchants of New York City, but the exemption, if granted, would affect all employers in the industry. As defined in the notice of hearing (Federal Register, July 30, 1940) "raw fur receiving" may include the receiving, packing, grading, sorting, appraising, scraping, stretching, and drying of raw furs. An application for seasonal exemption was the subject of a hearing on December 7, 1939, after which such an exemption was granted. The new application has been made necessary by a desire of those interested to have that part of the industry to be affected, more clearly defined.

All persons interested and desiring to be heard or to file a written statement in support of or in opposition to the application should notify Mr. Stein at the Wage and Hour Division not later than August 12, 1940, stating the company or organization they represent and the length of time necessary for the presentation of their testimony.

The exemption, if granted, would permit the employment of workers up to 12 hours a day and 56 hours a week without the payment of overtime for a period of not more than 14 workweeks a year. The exemption would not affect the requirement to pay the statutory minimum wage of 30 cents an hour.

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