

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

HEARING ON CARPET AND RUG INDUSTRY WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS
OCTOBER 2; TERM "BATH MATS" INTERPRETED.

INACTIVE

A public hearing on the recommendations of Industry Committee No. 12 for a 40 cents per hour minimum for the wool rug and carpet division and the wool carpet yarn division and a 35 cents per hour minimum for carpets and rugs made of other fibers, will be held on October 2, 1940 at 10:00 A. M., Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, announced today. (Federal Register, September 14, 1940.)

A majority of the committee, eight members, signed the recommendation to the Administrator. A minority of the four employer members submitted a dissenting report to the Administrator. One public member of the Committee did not sign either report and one employer member signed both.

The hearing will be held at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C., before Henry T. Hunt, Principal Hearings Examiner, as presiding officer.

Any interested person, supporting or opposing the recommendation of the industry committee, may appear at the hearing to offer evidence, either on his own behalf or on the behalf of any other person if he files with the Administrator at Washington, D. C., a notice of his intent to appear on or before September 27, 1940.

The Carpet and Rug Industry Committee which made the recommendations was composed of an equal number of representatives of the public, employers in the industry and employees in the industry.

The manufacture of bath mats was included under the Textile Wage Order which established a minimum wage rate of 32-1/2 cents per hour and is excluded from the definition of the Carpet and Rug Industry. To clarify this term, as applied to these two industries, the following interpretation has been issued:

The term "bath mats" as used in paragraph 4 of the definition of the Textile Industry includes all rugs which are not larger than 18 square feet, and which are made wholly of cotton, except for the incidental use of other fibers for decorative purposes.