

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

NOTICE OF HEARING ON MINIMUM WAGE
RECOMMENDATION OF INDUSTRY COMMITTEE
NO. 12 FOR THE CARPET AND RUG INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor, acting pursuant to Section 5(b) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, on May 13, 1940, by Administrative Order No. 50, appointed Industry Committee No. 12 for the Carpet and Rug Industry, composed of an equal number of representatives of the public, employers in the industry and employees in the industry, such representatives having been appointed with due regard to the geographical regions in which the industry is carried on; and

WHEREAS, Industry Committee No. 12, on July 10, 1940, recommended minimum wage rates for the Carpet and Rug Industry and duly adopted a report containing said recommendation and reasons therefor and has filed such report with the Administrator on August 7, 1940, pursuant to Section 8(d) of the Act and Section 511.19 of the Regulations issued under the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator is required by Section 8(d) of the Act, after due notice to interested persons and giving them an opportunity to be heard, to approve and carry into effect by order the recommendation of Industry Committee No. 12 if he finds that the recommendation is made in accordance with law and is supported by the evidence adduced at the hearing before him, 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, if he finds otherwise, to disapprove such recommendations:

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that:

I. Industry Committee No. 12 made the following two separable recommendations:

(1) Wool Division. Every employer shall pay not less than 40 cents per hour to each of his employees who is engaged in (a) the spinning, dyeing, finishing or processing of carpet yarns which contain any carpet wool; or, (b) the manufacturing, dyeing, finishing or processing of rugs or carpets under the definition of the Carpet and Rug Industry containing any wool of any kind.

(2) Other Than The Wool Division. Every employer shall pay not less than 35 cents per hour to each of his employees who is engaged in the manufacturing, dyeing, finishing or processing of all rugs or carpets under the definition of the Carpet and Rug Industry other than those included within the Wool Division of the Industry.

II. The definition of the Carpet and Rug Industry as set forth in Administrative Order No. 50, issued May 13, 1940, is as follows:

"As used in this order, the term 'Carpet and Rug Industry' means:

(a) The spinning, dyeing, finishing or processing of carpet yarns which contain any carpet wool.

(b) Manufacturing, dyeing, finishing or processing of rugs or carpets from any yarns or fibres or from grass or paper, but not including bath mats or the manufacture by hand of rugs or carpets.

"The definition of the Carpet and Rug Industry covers all occupations in the industry which are necessary to the production of the articles specified in the definition, including clerical, maintenance, shipping and selling occupations."

III. The full text of the report and recommendation of Industry Committee No. 12, together with a dissenting statement filed by members thereof, are available for inspection by any person between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the following offices of the United States Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division:

Boston, Massachusetts
120 Boylston Street

New York, New York
Port of New York Authority Building
111 - 8th Avenue

Buffalo, New York
Dun Building
Pearl & Swan Streets

Newark, New Jersey
1004 Kinney Building

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1205 Widener Building
Chestnut & Juniper Streets

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
216 Old Post Office Building

Richmond, Virginia
215 Richmond Trust Building
627 E. Main Street

Baltimore, Maryland
606 Snow Building
Calvert & Lombard Streets

Raleigh, North Carolina
507 Raleigh Building

Atlanta, Georgia
314 Witt Building
249 Peachtree Street

Jacksonville, Florida
225 Post Office Building

Birmingham, Alabama
818 Comer Building
2nd Avenue & 21st Street

New Orleans, Louisiana
1512 Pere Marquette Building
150 Baronne Street

Nashville, Tennessee
119 Seventh Avenue, N.
Medical Arts Building

Cleveland, Ohio
728 Standard Building
1370 Ontario Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio
421 Keith Building
525 Walnut Street

Chicago, Illinois
1200 Merchandise Mart
222 W. North Bank Drive

Indianapolis, Indiana
Room 708
108 E. Washington Street

Minneapolis, Minnesota
406 Pence Building
730 Hennepin Avenue

Kansas City, Missouri
504 Title & Trust Building
10th & Walnut Streets

St. Louis, Missouri
100 Old Custom House Building
815 Olive Street

Denver, Colorado
300 Chamber of Commerce Building
1726 Champa Street

Dallas, Texas
620 Wilson Building
1621 Main Street

San Antonio, Texas
716 Maverick Building
400 E. Houston Street

San Francisco, California
Room 500
785 Market Street

Los Angeles, California
338 H. W. Hellman Building
354 South Spring Street

Seattle, Washington
206 Hartford Building
208 James Street

San Juan, Puerto Rico
Post Office Box 112

Juneau, Alaska
D. B. Stewart
Commissioner of Mines

Washington, District of Columbia
Department of Labor, 4th Floor

Copies of the Committee's report and recommendation, together with a dissenting statement filed by members thereof, may be obtained by any person upon request addressed to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.

IV. A public hearing for the purpose of taking evidence on the question of whether the recommendations of Industry Committee No. 12 shall be approved or disapproved pursuant to Section 8 of the Act will be held on October 2, 1940, at 10:00 a.m. at the Willard Hotel, in Washington, D. C. before Henry T. Hunt, Esquire Principal Hearings Examiner of the Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor, as presiding officer.

V. Any interested person, supporting or opposing the recommendation of Industry Committee No. 12, may appear at the aforesaid hearing to offer evidence, either on his own behalf or on behalf of any other person; provided, that not later than September 27, 1940, any such person shall file with the Administrator at Washington, D. C., a notice of his intention to appear which shall contain the following information:

1. The name and address of the person appearing.
2. If such person is appearing in a representative capacity, the name and address of the person or persons whom he is representing.
3. Whether such person proposes to appear for or against the recommendation of Industry Committee No. 12.
4. The approximate length of time requested for his presentation.

Such notice may be mailed to the Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor, Washington, D. C., and shall be deemed filed upon receipt thereof.

VI. Any person interested in supporting or opposing the recommendation of Industry Committee No. 12, may secure further information concerning the aforesaid hearing by inquiry directed to the Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor, Washington, D. C., or by consulting with attorneys representing the Administrator who will be available for that purpose at the offices of the Wage and Hour Division in Washington, D. C.

VII. Copies of the following documents relating to the Carpet and Rug Industry will be made available for inspection upon request by any interested person who intends to appear at the hearing:

U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Wage and Hour Statistics, Hourly Earnings In The Carpet and Rug Industry, 1939.

U. S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, Research and Statistics Branch, Report On The Carpet and Rug Industry, July 9, 1940.

VIII. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the following rules, subject, however, to such subsequent modifications by the Administrator or the Principal Hearings Examiner as are deemed appropriate:

1. The hearing shall be stenographically reported and a transcript made which will be available to any person at prescribed rates upon request made to the official reporter, Electric Reporting Service, 1707 I St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

2. In order to maintain orderly and expeditious procedure, each person filing a Notice to Appear shall be notified, if practicable, of the approximate day and the place at which he may offer evidence at the hearing. If such person does not appear at the time set in the notice he will not be permitted to offer evidence at any other time except by special permission of the presiding officer.

3. At the discretion of the presiding officer, the hearing may be continued from day to day, or adjourned to a later date, or to a different place, by announcement thereof at the hearing by the presiding officer, or by other appropriate notice.

4. At any stage of the hearing, the presiding officer may call for further evidence upon any matter. After the presiding officer has closed the hearing before him, no further evidence shall be taken, except at the request of the Administrator, unless provision has been made at the hearing for the later receipt of such evidence. In the event that the Administrator shall cause the hearing to be reopened for the purpose of receiving further evidence, due and reasonable notice of the time and place fixed for such further taking of testimony shall be given to all persons who have filed a notice of intention to appear at the hearing.

5. All evidence must be presented under oath or affirmation.

6. Written documents or exhibits, except as otherwise permitted by the presiding officer, must be offered in evidence by a person who is prepared to testify as to the authenticity and trustworthiness thereof, and who shall, at the time of offering the documentary exhibit, make a brief statement as to the contents and manner of preparation thereof.

7. Written documents and exhibits shall be tendered in duplicate and the persons preparing the same shall be prepared to supply additional copies if such are ordered by the presiding officer. Where evidence is embraced in a document containing matter not intended to be

put in evidence, such a document will not be received, but the person offering the same may present to the presiding officer the original document together with two copies of those portions of the document intended to be put in evidence. Upon presentation of such copies in proper form the copies will be received in evidence.

8. Subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses or the presentation of a document from any place in the United States at any designated place of hearing may be issued by the Administrator at his discretion, and any person appearing in the proceeding may apply in writing for the issuance by the Administrator of the subpoena. Such applications shall be timely and shall identify exactly the witness or document and state fully the nature of the evidence proposed to be secured.

9. Witnesses summoned by the Administrator shall be paid the same fees and mileage as are paid witnesses in the courts of the United States. Witness fees and mileage shall be paid by the party at whose instance witnesses appear, and the Administrator before issuing subpoena may require a deposit of an amount adequate to cover the fees and mileage involved.

10. The rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law or equity shall not be controlling.

11. The presiding officer may, at his discretion, permit any person appearing in the proceeding to cross-examine any witness offered by another person in so far as is practicable, and to object to the admission or exclusion of evidence by the presiding officer. Requests for permission to cross-examine a witness offered by another person and objections to the admission or exclusion of evidence shall be stated briefly with the reasons for such request or the ground of objection relied on. Such requests or objections shall become a part of the record, but the record shall not include argument thereon except as ordered by the presiding officer. Objections to the approval of the Committee's recommendation and to the promulgation of a wage order based upon such approval must be made at the hearing before the presiding officer.

12. Before the close of the hearing the presiding officer shall receive written requests from persons appearing in the proceeding for permission to make oral arguments before the Administrator upon the matter in issue. These requests will be forwarded to the Administrator by the presiding officer with the record of the proceedings. If the Administrator, in his discretion, allows the request, he shall give such notice thereof as he deems suitable to all persons appearing in the proceeding, and shall designate the time and place at which the oral arguments shall be heard. If such requests are allowed, all persons appearing at the hearing will be given opportunity to present oral argument.

13. Briefs (12 copies) may be submitted to the Administrator following the close of the hearings, by any persons appearing therein. Notice of the final dates for filing such briefs shall be given by the Administrator in such manner as shall be deemed suitable by him.

14. On the close of the hearing the presiding officer shall forthwith file a complete record of the proceedings with the Administrator. The presiding officer shall not file an intermediate report unless so directed by the Administrator. If a report is filed, it shall be advisory only and have no binding effect upon the Administrator.

15. No order issued as a result of the hearing will take effect until after due notice is given of the issuance thereof by publication in the Federal Register.

Signed at Washington, D. C., this 13th day of September, 1940.



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

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