

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
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HEARING ON PUERTO RICAN GLOVE RATES DECEMBER 16

A public hearing to receive additional evidence on recommended minimum wage rates for the manufacture of fabric and leather gloves in Puerto Rico will begin at 10:00 A .M., December 16, in Room 4221 of the Department of Labor Building, Washington, D. C., Colonel Philip B. Floming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, announced today (Federal Register, November 19, 1940).

The special industry committee for Puerto Rico, authorized by a recent congressional amendment to the Fair Labor Standards Act, recommended a scale of hourly minimum wage rates for needlework on the island from 12-1/2 cents to 20 cents an hour. This included 15 cents an hour for homework on fabric gloves, 13 cents an hour for homework on leather gloves, and 20 cents an hour for factory work on all gloves.

After a public hearing on these minima, held October 28, the Administrator signed a wage order, effective December 2, establishing the recommended wage rates with the exception of those for the manufacture of leather and fabric gloves. The hearing on December 16 is to be held for the purpose of receiving additional evidence on the question whether the minimum wage rates recommended for the fabric and leather glove divisions of the needlework industries in Puerto Rico are the highest minimum wage rates up to 40 cents an hour which will not cause substantial curtailment of employment and will not give a competitive advantage over any industry in continental United States.

Henry T. Hunt, Principal Hearings Examiner for the Division, will conduct the hearing. Any interested person may appear and testify. Notices of intention to appear, including estimates of the time required, must be filed with the Division by December 9.

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