

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

COLONEL FLEMING DECIDES TO APPROVE WAGE RATES  
RECOMMENDED FOR PUERTO RICO GLOVES

Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, announced today that he had decided to approve recommendations of the special Industry Committee for minimum wage rates in the fabric and leather glove divisions of the Puerto Rican needlework industry.

The Administrator's wage order will be issued effective February 19, 1941.

The Committee recommended establishment of the following minimum wage rates:

Fifteen cents an hour for hand sewing in the woven or knitted fabric glove division; 18 cents an hour for hand sewing in the leather glove division; and 20 cents an hour for other operations in these divisions.

The Administrator previously approved the Committee's recommendations for wage rates in other divisions of the needlework industry in Puerto Rico following a public hearing held in Washington, D. C., October 28, 1940. The hearing was reopened December 16, 1940, to receive further evidence on the glove divisions, and oral arguments on the testimony presented at the rehearing were heard by the Administrator in Washington, January 6, 1941.

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