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ADMINISTRATOR APPROVES WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR CARPET AND RUG INDUSTRY

Approval of the recommendations for minimum wages in the carpet and rug industry made by the committee, was announced today by General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor. The committee recommended that those workers employed in the "wool section" of the industry be paid not less than 40 cents an hour and the workers employed in the "other than wool" section be paid not less than 35 cents an hour. A wage order establishing these minimum wage rates will be issued to be effective March 17.

It is estimated that there are 31,000 workers employed in the carpet and rug industry, of which number 1,100 are now receiving less than the minimum wage contained in the committee recommendations.

The carpet and rug industry is defined as follows: "The spinning, dyeing, finishing or processing of carpet yarns which contain any carpet wool. The manufacturing, dyeing, finishing or processing of rugs or carpets from any yarns or fibers, 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 including clerical, maintenance, shipping and selling occupations.