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

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE EXCLUSION OF ESTABLISHMENTS MANUFACTURING BETTER GRADE DRESSES (DRESSES OTHER THAN HOUSE DRESSES AND KINDRED ARTICLES OF APPAREL) FROM THE REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF LEARNERS IN THE APPAREL INDUSTRY (PART 522 - SECTIONS 522.040 to 522.052) AS PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER OF SEPTEMBER 7, 1940.

WHEREAS, Regulations Applicable to the Employment of Learners in the Apparel Industry (Title 29, Labor, Chapter V - Wage and Hour Division, Part 522 - Sections 522.040 to 522.052) were published in the Federal Register of September 7, 1940, and

WHEREAS, because of the exclusion provided in Section 522.051, Special Certificates authorizing the employment of learners at subminimum rates are not issued to plants manufacturing Better Grade Dresses (Dresses other than House Dresses and Kindred Articles of Apparel) except as provided in Section 522.052 of the Regulations previously referred to, and

WHEREAS, the Hearings Branch of the Wage and Hour Division has, on the information before it, defined Better Grade Dresses for purposes of administration of Sections 522.051 and 522.052 as those dresses which wholesale at prices above \$22.50 a dozen, and

WHEREAS, objections have been received to this definition and to the exclusion of plants manufacturing dresses which wholesale above this price, and

WHEREAS, a petition to reconsider this definition has been received

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given of a public hearing to commence at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 3, 1941 in Room 3229, Department of Labor, Washington, D. C. before Dr. Gustav Peck, Assistant Director of the Hearings Branch, hereby duly authorized to conduct said hearing as Presiding Officer on the following administrative definition of the term "Better Grade Dresses" as used in Section 522.051 of the Regulations Applicable to the Employment of Learners in the Apparel Industry:

"Better Grade Dresses (Dresses other than House Dresses and Kindred Articles of Apparel) as used in Section 522.051 of these Regulations shall mean dresses which wholesale at prices above \$22.50 per dozen."

Any interested party wishing to appear at this hearing may do so by filing notice of intention and stating the approximate time required with Dr. Gustav Pock, Assistant Director of the Hearings Branch, Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Dopartment of Labor, Washington, D. C. prior to April 1, 1941, or, if unable to appear, may file briefs and arguments portaining to this definition by April 3, 1941.

On the close of the hearing, the Presiding Officer shall file a complete record of the proceedings with, and shall make findings of fact and recommendations to the Administrator.

Signed at Washington, D. C., this 20th day of March, 1941.

Philip B. Fleming, Administrator

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