

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

DEHYDRATING OF CITRUS PULP AND WASTE SCHEDULED FOR SEASONAL EXEMPTION

A seasonal exemption from the hours provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act for the dehydrating of citrus pulp and waste was indicated in a determination made today by General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division. If no objection is received within fifteen days following publication of the determination it will be made final.

The determination was made on application of the Kuder Pulp Company of Lake Alfred, Florida, and others. According to the facts presented in the application there are about thirteen plants in the country making cattle feed by dehydrating citrus waste, located in Florida, Texas and California. These plants, which are located near the citrus canning plants, receive the perishable citrus waste and pulp from the cannery and must process it within six to twelve hours thereafter. Their operating season is limited to a 6 months period, citrus waste being available only during such period. The determination, therefore, finds that a prima facie case has been shown for granting a seasonal exemption to the dehydrating of citrus waste as a branch of the citrus processing industry. This exemption, if made final, permits a 12-hour workday or 56-hour workweek for 14 workweeks a year without payment of time and one-half for overtime.

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