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ADMINISTRATOR APPROVES WAGE RECOMMENDATION
FOR ENAMELED UTENSIL INDUSTRY

Approval of a 40 cent an hour minimum wage recommendation for the enameled utensil industry made by the committee was announced today by General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor. A wage order establishing this rate will be issued to be effective April 21.

The order will increase the wages of 1,200 employees, or approximately 20 percent of the 6,200 workers in the industry. There are 28 plants in the industry, of which 17 manufacture enameled utensils as a major product. The industry is centered in Ohio, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York.

The definition of the industry is "the manufacture of culinary, household, and hospital utensils of sheet iron or sheet steel coated with vitreous enamel." This definition covers all occupations in the industry which are necessary to the production of the articles specified, including clerical, maintenance, shipping and selling occupations. Not included are employees of an independent wholesaler or employees of a manufacturer who are engaged exclusively in manufacturing and distributing products of the industry which have been purchased for resale.

Where an employee is employed during the same workweek at two or more different minimum rates of pay, he must be paid the highest rate for such a workweek unless records concerning his employment are kept by his employer in accordance with applicable regulations of the Wage and Hour Division.

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