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SOME PUERTO RICAN NEEDLEWORK PIECE RATES CHANGED

As a result of time studies and investigations being made in Puerto Rico, recommendations have been made to General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, which he has approved, revising certain piece rates for home workers in the Island needlework industry commensurate with the hour minimum rates fixed by the Puerto Rican Industry Committee. These rates, effective April 14, 1941, are to be substituted for those set for the same operations in the schedule which became effective December 2 last. The piece rates then issued were based on the N.R.A. piece rates and at that time it was stated that they were subject to revision as experience dictated. Immediately the studies were undertaken by the Wage and Hour Division to ascertain whether the original piece rates were appropriate.

The recommendations made to the Administrator, which he has approved, cover only a portion of the rates which will be checked, and apply to parts of the handkerchief, art linen and silk underwear divisions of the Puerto Rican needlework industry. Although all of the rates changed in the present instance have been downward revisions, preliminary studies indicate that in a few instances upward revisions may be necessary on some of the remaining rates. Other changes will soon be made, it was stated.

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