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WOOL HANDLING EXEMPT FROM 40-HOUR WEEK AS "SEASONAL"

A seasonal exemption from the 40 hour week for workers receiving and grading "fleece wool" was authorized today by General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor.

The exemption was granted on application of the National Wool Marketing Corporation. In a preliminary determination issued May 9 the Administrator found that a prima facie case had been shown for the granting of the exemption. No objection having been received within fifteen days after publication of this determination the exemption for "the receiving of raw shorn fleece wool at primary concentration points and country receiving stations directly from the grower and the assembling, grading, sacking, and preparing of such wool for shipment to market centers" has been made final. "Primary concentration point" and "country receiving station" are defined as establishments that receive all, or almost all of their fleece wool directly from the grower, perform the exempt processes and ship the fleece wool to market centers for storage or sale.

Under the seasonal exemption employees may be engaged in the operations listed without payment of overtime for 12 hours a day or 56 a week for not more than 14 weeks a year without payment of overtime. The minimum wage requirement of 30¢ an hour is not affected.

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