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40-CENT MINIMUM WAGE ORDERED IN KNITTED OUTERWEAR INDUSTRY EFFECTIVE APRIL 20;
HOMEWORK RESTRICTED BEGINNING NOVEMBER 30

A wage order establishing a 40-cent per hour minimum in the knitted outerwear industry effective April 20, 1942, was announced today by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor.

In signing the wage order for the industry, which was recommended by unanimous vote of a committee which studied economic conditions in the industry. Mr. Walling also ordered the restriction of homework for the industry after November 30, 1942. In addition to its own consideration of the homework problem, the committee urged that the Administrator take action on this matter also..

The wage order is the second issued for the industry following committee consideration and recommendation. The first, which became effective July 1, 1940, raised the minimum wage in the industry from the statutory minimum of 30 cents provided by the Wage and Hour Law to 35 cents.

The 40-cent minimum will result in direct increases for some 6,000 of approximately 23,500 wage-earners employed in the industry.

The restriction on homework follows extensive investigation and public hearing on this phase of the industry, conducted by the Wage and Hour Division after the committee filed its recommendation in August, 1941.

Restriction of homeworkers is applicable to all, except persons who have obtained special homework certificates issued by the Division for such work in this industry prior to August 20, 1941, and persons under supervision of a state vocational rehabilitation agency or of a sheltered workshop.

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