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NEW MINIMUM WAGE RATES RECOMMENDED FOR PUERTO RICAN GARMENT AND RELATED INDUSTRIES

New minimum wage rates for a number of Puerto Rican industries have been recommended by a special industry committee for the island meeting in San Juan, it was announced today by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor.

Recommended changes for textiles, garments and other related industries with rates previously set by wage orders follow:

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Old Rate</u>		<u>New Rate</u>	
	Hand Sew.	Other Op.	Hand Sew.	Other Op.
Full fashioned Hosiery		25		30
Hairnets		25		27½
Gloves	Hand Sew.	Other Op.	Hand Sew.	Other Op.
Leather	18	20	22	27
Woven and Knitted fabric	15	20	18	24
Needlework				
Cotton underwear and				
Infants Underwear	12½	20	15	24
Handkerchief and House-				
hold Art Linens	12½	20	15	24
Infants' wear	12½	20	15	24
Miscellaneous Handwork	12½	20	15	24
Needlepoint and Hand				
Hooked rugs	12½	20	15	24
Silk underwear				
(incl. rayon)	15	22½	18	27
Wearing Apparel	20	20	24	24

New industry committee actions recommended a 15 cent an hour minimum wage rate for hand sewn fabric baseballs, leather baseballs, wallets and leather novelties. Hourly minimums of 24 cents were recommended for other occupations in these industries. The rate recommended for art novelties was 15 cents.

The Puerto Rican Committee has now adjourned. Hearings of the Virgin Islands Committee will begin this week.