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**NEW MINIMUM WAGE RATES RECOMMENDED FOR MISCELLANEOUS  
PUERTO RICAN INDUSTRIES**

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

Recommended changes for industries other than garments, follow:

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Old Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Cigarettes, cigars	25	30
Leaf tobacco	20	27
Manufactured coconut	25	28
Rum, Industrial Alcohol, Banking and Insurance, Finance, Shipping, Newspapers and Graphic Art, Paper Box, and Cement	30	40

A 35 cent an hour minimum wage for the Puerto Rican sugar industry was recommended earlier by the Committee which has now adjourned. Hearings of the Virgin Islands Committee will begin this week.

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