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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions  
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New York 19, N. Y.

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Changes Proposed for Uniform and Clothing Industry  
Wage Determination

Opportunity to show cause why "hand felling" and "bushelling" should not be eliminated from the list of auxiliary occupations to be included in the suit and coat branch of the Uniform and Clothing Industry minimum wage determination, promulgated under the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act, was announced today by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions.

The notice is issued, Mr. Walling added, in response to claims by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America that wages now being paid to workers in these two occupations are substantially above the 40-cent minimum hourly wage rate set for auxiliary workers in the original minimum wage determination. The minimum set for non-auxiliary workers is 60 cents an hour.

The elimination of these two occupations is being considered in connection with an earlier proposal to remove from the existing minimum wage determination the percentage limitation on the number of auxiliary workers permitted and to specifically list and define occupations which are considered auxiliary.

Briefs or statements submitted in response to the notice should be filed before April 28, 1945 and should include information as to the number of workers engaged in "hand felling" and "bushelling" and the average straight time hourly earnings of each such worker for the pay-roll period ending on or nearest to February 17, 1945. An original and four copies should be addressed to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, United States Department of Labor, 165 West 46th Street, New York 19, New York.

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