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PUBLIC HEARING ON PUERTO RICAN WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS OCTOBER 8, 1945

A public hearing on the minimum wage recommendations made by Special Industry Committee No. 4 for Puerto Rico was announced today by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, for 10:00 A.M. October 8, 1945 in Room 300, Federal Building, San Juan, Puerto Rico. On the basis of the evidence submitted at this hearing the Administrator will decide whether to adopt or reject the recommendations of the Committee.

According to the formal notice of hearing published in the Federal Register today, interested persons wishing to support or oppose the recommendations should file notice of intention to appear with the office of the Wage and Hour Division at El Banco Popular Building, San Juan, Puerto Rico, or with the Administrator, 165 West 46th Street, New York 19, N. Y., on or before October 1, 1945.

Following is a summary of the Committee's minimum wage recommendations for Puerto Rico:

Industry and division	Rate recommended (cents an hour)
1. Wholesaling, Warehousing, and Other Distribution Industries	35
2. Foods, Beverages, and Related Products Industries	
(1) Liquor and Wine Division	40
(2) Malt Beverage, Water, and Soft Drinks Division	30
(3) Candy, Confectionery, and Related Products Division	30
(4) Candied Fruits Division	30
(5) Bakery Products, Cocoa, Coffee, and Jelly Division	20
(6) Fruit and Nut Packing, Fruit Curing, and Allied Activities Division	18
(7) Miscellaneous Division	30
3. Chemical, Petroleum, and Related Products Industries	
(1) General Division	40
(2) Drugs, Medicines and Toilet Preparations Division	32
4. Stone, Clay, Glass, and Related Products Industries	
(1) Sand and Gravel Division	30
(2) Stone Quarrying and Crushing Division	30
(3) Lime and Lime Products Division	30
(4) Concrete Construction Products Division	35
(5) Clay and Clay Products Division	25
(6) Glass and Glass Products Division	35
(7) Glass Button and Bead Division	28
(8) Pearl Button Division	35
(9) Miscellaneous Division	35

Industry and division	Rate recom- mended (cents an hour)
5. Construction, Business Service, Motion Picture, and Miscellaneous Industries	
(1) Construction Division	32
(2) Motion Picture, Business Service, and Miscellaneous Industries Division	40
6. Metal, Plastics, Machinery, Instrument, Transportation Equipment, and Allied Industries	
(1) Foundry and Machine Shop Products Division	35
(2) Gem Stone Division	40
(3) Industrial Jewel Division	30
(4) Button, Bead, and Costume Novelty Jewelry Division	28
(5) Rosary and Bead Stringing Division	
(a) The assembling of rosaries and the stringing of beads other than by machine	20
(b) All other operations	28
(6) Miscellaneous Division	35
7. Lumber and Wood Products Industries	
(1) Lumber, Millwork, and Furniture Division	32
(2) Wooden Ware Division	28
(3) Match Division	28
(4) Button Division	
(a) Hand-painting or similar decoration of wooden buttons	20
(b) All other operations in connection with the manufacture of wooden buttons, including, but not by way of limitation, cutting, machine-operating, stamping, sanding, buffing, polishing, varnishing, carding, examining, packing and shipping	28
(5) Basket and Wovenware Division	
(a) Hand-weaving, hand-braiding, hand-decorating, and similar operations	15
(b) All other operations in connection with the manufacture of hand-woven baskets and similar hand-woven products, including, but without limitation, designing, cutting, examining, packing and shipping	20
(6) Miscellaneous Division	25
8. Communications, Utilities, and Miscellaneous Transportation Industries	40
9. Leather, Textile, Rubber, Straw, and Related Products Industries	
(1) Hide, Skin, and Leather Division	20
(2) Leather and Skin Products Division	30
(3) Decorated Leather Button Division	
(a) Hand-painting or similar decorating	20
(b) All operations in connection with the manufacture of decorated leather buttons other than hand-painting or similar decorating	28
(4) Cotton Ginning and Compressing Division	25
(5) Textile and Textile Products Division	25

Industry and division	Rate recom- mended (cents per hour)
(6) Hand-loomed Textile Division	
(a) Hand-sewing and hand-decorating operations	15
(b) Hand-loomed and all other operations in connection with the manufacture of hand-loomed textiles and hand-loomed textile products <u>except</u> hand-sewing and hand-decorating operations	24
(7) Raffia, Straw, and Sisal Handbag Division	
(a) Hand-weaving, hand-braiding, hand-sewing, hand-decorating and similar hand operations	15
(b) All operations other than hand-weaving, hand-braiding, hand-sewing, hand-decorating, and similar hand operations	24
(8) Hand-woven Basket and Related Products Division	
(a) Hand-weaving, hand-braiding, hand-sewing, hand-decorating and similar hand operations	15
(b) All operations other than hand-weaving, hand-braiding, hand-sewing, hand-decorating, and similar hand operations	20
(9) Rubber Products Division	40
(10) Miscellaneous Division	25
10. Paper, Paper Products, Printing, Publishing, and Related Industries	
(1) Paper Board Division	25
(2) Building Board Division	30
(3) Publishing, Printing of Newspapers and Periodicals, and Allied Graphic Arts Division	35
(4) Commercial Printing and Converted Paper Products Division	28
(5) Miscellaneous Division	30
11. Woven and Knitted Fabric Glove Division of the Needlework Industries	
(a) Hand-sewing operations, including, but not by way of limitation, hand-drawing, hand-rolling, and embroidering and embellishing by hand	18
(b) Machine operating and operations known to the industry by the terms "cutting," "laying-off," "sizing," "banding," and "boxing"	35
(c) All other operations	24
12. Leather Glove Division of the Needlework Industries	
(a) Hand-sewing operations, including, but not by way of limitation, hand-drawing, hand-rolling, and embroidering and embellishing by hand	22
(b) Machine operating and operations known to the industry by the terms "cutting," "laying-off," "sizing," "banding," and "boxing"	40
(c) All other operations	24

Copies of the formal notice of hearing, with complete definitions of the industries may be obtained at the New York and San Juan offices of the Division.