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FIRST REVISION MADE IN FLSA INTERPRETATIVE BULLETINS

In the light of the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947, revision of all bulletins interpreting the Fair Labor Standards Act was begun today with the publication in the Federal Register of a general statement on coverage of the Wage-Hour Law by Wm. R. McComb, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor.

At the same time, McComb rescinded and withdrew "all prior general and specific interpretations contained in interpretative bulletins, releases, opinion letters and other statements" on general coverage provisions of the Act. These are superseded and replaced by the new bulletin.

Similarly, as each new interpretative bulletin covering problems other than general coverage is published in the Federal Register, old bulletins, releases, letters, and statements covering those problems will be rescinded and withdrawn.

Some of the reissued bulletins, such as the one concerned with hours worked, will show significant changes as a result of the Portal-to-Portal Act. The Administrator's statement on coverage, however, merely revises Interpretative Bulletins Nos. 1, 2 and 5 to bring them in line with court decisions and more recent opinions of the Administrator.

The policy of replacing all prior interpretations with new bulletins was made necessary for the future guidance of persons affected by the law because "The Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 contemplates that interpretations of the Administrator will now, under certain circumstances, be controlling" in determining the rights and liabilities of employers and employees in the courts.

Before enactment of the Portal-to-Portal Act, interpretations of the Administrator were issued with the understanding that they were only advisory.

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