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REVISED CHILD-LABOR HAZARDOUS OCCUPATIONS ORDER
FOR LOGGING INDUSTRIES EFFECTIVE FEB. 2, 1948

Effective February 2, 1948, most occupations in the logging of pulpwood will be included among the saw-timber logging and sawmilling jobs for which an 18-year minimum age requirement is established for employment under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

This was announced today by Secretary of Labor L. B. Schwellenbach following his approval of a revision of Hazardous Occupations Order No. 4. Adopted in 1941, this order raised from 16 to 18 years the applicable minimum age for employment in most saw-timber logging and sawmilling operations covered by the Act - the Wage and Hour Law - because they were found to be particularly hazardous for minors.

Inclusion in the order of occupations in the logging of pulpwood, chemical wood, excelsior wood, cordwood, fence posts, and similar woods was proposed by the Secretary following investigation and study of the industries by the Child Labor Branch of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions. The Secretary took final action after a public hearing on the extension proposal, held December 3. Effective date of the revised order is set for February 2 to enable the industries to adjust to its terms.

As the revised Order No. 4 now stands, all occupations in logging and all occupations in sawmills, lath mills, shingle mills, or cooperage-stock mills are subject to the 18-year age minimum, with a few occupations specially excepted. Occupations excepted, in which it is permissible to employ 16- and 17-year-old minors, are limited to a few occupations removed away from the sawmill proper and away from

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the place where felling, bucking, skidding, yarding, and loading occupations are being performed.

Among the permitted occupations are: Work in offices or in repair or maintenance shops; work in the operation and maintenance of living quarters of logging camps; some work in the repair or maintenance of roads and railroads; work in forest protection; peeling of pulpwood under certain conditions; straightening and tallying lumber on the dry chain; clean-up in the lumberyard; and clerical work in yards or shipping sheds.

Employers are advised to obtain age certificates for all minors claiming to be 18 or 19 years of age before employing them in any of the nonexempt occupations. Through cooperative arrangements made with State agencies, employment and age certificates issued by those agencies are accepted by the Divisions as proof of age under the Wage and Hour Law.

Copies of the revised order may be obtained from the Divisions' offices in Washington, or their regional offices in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Birmingham, Cleveland, Chicago, Kansas City, Dallas and San Francisco, and at the North Carolina State Department of Labor offices, Raleigh, N. C.

Other Hazardous Occupations Orders issued by the Secretary of Labor since the basic minimum wage, overtime and child-labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act went into effect in 1938 raise from 16 to 18 years the minimum age for employment in: Occupations in plants manufacturing explosives; occupations of motor vehicle driver and helper; coal-mining; operation of power-driven woodworking machines; occupations involving exposure to radioactive substances; and operation of power-driven hoisting apparatus.

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