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NEW WAGE ORDER FOR FOUNDRY INDUSTRY IN PUERTO RICO PROPOSED BY MCCOMB

Notice of his intention to adopt a new minimum wage order for the Foundry, Machine Shop, and Fabricated Metal Products Industry in Puerto Rico under the Fair Labor Standards Act was announced today by Wm. R. McComb, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor.

The order would establish a 40-cents-an-hour minimum wage. The approximately 800 employees who would be affected now are covered by a minimum wage order which sets a 35-cents-an-hour rate.

Text of the proposed wage order is published in the Federal Register today. Copies of the findings and opinion upon which it is based are available on request to the Administrator. Interested parties are given 15 days in which to file exceptions and supporting reasons, in quadruplicate, with the Administrator in Washington, D. C.

Announcement by the Administrator today follows a public hearing at which interested parties were afforded an opportunity to express their views on the recommendations of an industry committee which studied conditions in the industry last summer. Under a special provision in the Wage and Hour Law, it is possible to establish minimum wage rates for Puerto Rican industries lower than the 40-cents-an-hour minimum which prevails for the continental United States.

The proposed effective date in the wage order is June 14. At the expiration of the 15-day period of notice begun today, the Administrator will give notice of his final action.

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