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McCOMB ADOPTS NEW MINIMUM WAGE ORDER FOR SHOE INDUSTRY IN PUERTO RICO

A new minimum wage order under the Fair Labor Standards Act for the Shoe Manufacturing and Allied Industries in Puerto Rico to take effect May 24 was announced today by Wm. R. McComb, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor.

The new order will set a minimum wage of 30 cents an hour and affect approximately 300 employees. At present, minimum wage rates ranging from 25 cents an hour upward are applicable to various types of shoe manufacturing.

McComb issued the new wage order on the basis of recommendations made to him by an industry committee which he had appointed to re-examine conditions in 14 industries in Puerto Rico. The committee, composed in equal numbers of representatives of employers, employees, and the general public, met on the island last summer. Under special provision of the Wage and Hour Law, minimum wage rates lower than the statutory 40-cents-an-hour minimum set by the Act for the continental United States may be established for Puerto Rican industries.

A public hearing on the committee's recommendations which resulted in the order announced today was held by the Administrator in Washington on January 28. Hearings also have been held on recommendations of the committee for the other industries studied, and announcement of the Administrator's action on some of these already has been made.

Copies of the wage order announced today may be had upon request.

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