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MCCOMB PROPOSES NEW MINIMUM WAGE ORDER FOR FULL-FASHIONED
HOSIERY INDUSTRY IN PUERTO RICO

Notice of his intention to adopt a new minimum wage order for the Full-Fashioned Hosiery 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.

Text of the proposed wage order, which would increase the minimum wage in the industry from the present 25 cents an hour to 33 cents, is published in the Federal Register today. Copies of the findings and opinion upon which it is based are available on request to the Divisions. 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 21. 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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