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NEW WAGE ORDER ADOPTED FOR FULL-FASHIONED HOSIERY INDUSTRY
IN PUERTO RICO; 33-CENT MINIMUM TAKES EFFECT JUNE 21

Effective June 21, the minimum wage under the Fair Labor Standards Act will become 33 cents an hour for employees in the Full-Fashioned Hosiery Industry in Puerto Rico, according to a new wage order adopted today by F. Granville Grimes, Jr., Acting Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor.

The wage order is based on the recommendation of a tri-partite industry committee appointed by the Administrator to study conditions on the Island. A special provision of the Wage and Hour Law permits the adoption of wage orders establishing rates for Puerto Rican industries lower than the 40-cents-an-hour statutory minimum provided by the law for the continental United States.

A public hearing was held on the committee's recommendation, and on April 28 the Administrator gave notice of his intention to adopt the wage order.

Copies of the wage order may be obtained without cost upon request.

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