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PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR JULY 8 TO CONSIDER NEW "TEXTILE INDUSTRY" MINIMUM
WAGE DETERMINATION UNDER PUBLIC CONTRACTS ACT

Notice was given today of a public hearing to be held July 8 to consider a proposal to increase the minimum wage determination under the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act for the "Textile Industry" from the present 40 cents an hour to 87 cents an hour.

The hearing, scheduled by Wm. R. McComb, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor, will be held in Room 7129 of the Department of Labor Building, Washington, D. C., beginning at 10 a.m.

Requested by the Textile Workers Union of America, the hearing also will afford interested parties an opportunity to testify with respect to the desirability of establishing special provisions for the employment of apprentices and learners at rates lower than the proposed minimum.

Evidence obtained at the hearing will be submitted to Secretary of Labor L. B. Schwellenbach, who determines the prevailing minimum wage on an industry basis for performance on Government contracts in amounts over \$10,000, to which the Public Contracts Act applies. The present minimum wage for the Textile Industry, as defined in the determination, was established on May 25, 1942. It is estimated that there are approximately 800,000 wage earners in the industry.

Formal notice of the hearing, which includes the definition of the industry, is published in the Federal Register today. Copies of the notice, as well as copies of the union's memorandum on minimum wage rates in the industry, may be obtained from the Divisions without charge on request.

Notice of intention to appear at the hearing may be filed with the Administrator not later than July 1. Written statements in lieu of personal appearance will be accepted up to July 8, but must be submitted in quadruplicate.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR DEFINITION OF THE "TEXTILE INDUSTRY" AS REFERRED TO ABOVE.

DEFINITION OF "TEXTILE INDUSTRY"

As stated in the Secretary of Labor's determination of May 25, 1942, the term "Textile Industry" means:

- (a) The manufacturing or processing of yarn or thread and all processes preparatory thereto, and the manufacturing, bleaching, dyeing, printing, and other finishing of woven fabrics (other than carpets and rugs containing any wool) from cotton, flax, jute, other vegetable fiber, silk, grass, or any synthetic fiber, or from mixtures of these fibers; or from such mixtures of these fibers with wool or animal fiber (other than silk) as are specified in clauses (g) and (h); except the chemical manufacturing of synthetic fiber and such related processing of yarn as is conducted in establishments manufacturing synthetic fiber;
- (b) The manufacturing of batting, wadding, or filling and the processing of waste from the fibers enumerated in clause (a);
- (c) The manufacturing, bleaching, dyeing, or other finishing of pile fabrics or cords (except carpets and rugs containing any wool) from any fiber or yarn;
- (d) The processing of any textile fabric, included in this definition of this industry, into any of the following products: bags; bandages and surgical gauze; bath mats and related articles; bedspreads; blankets; diapers; dish-cloths; scrubbing cloths and wash-cloths; sheets and pillow cases; table-cloths, lunch-cloths and napkins; towels; window curtains; shoe laces and similar laces;
- (e) The manufacturing or finishing of braid, net or lace from any fiber or yarn;
- (f) The manufacturing of cordage, rope or twine from any fiber or yarn including the manufacturing of paper yarn and twine;
- (g) The manufacturing, or processing of yarn (except carpet yarn containing any carpet wool) or thread by systems other than the woollen system from mixtures of wool or animal fiber (other than silk) with any of the fibers designated in clause (a), containing not more than 45 percent by weight of wool or animal fiber (other than silk);
- (h) The manufacturing, bleaching, dyeing, printing or other finishing of woven fabrics (other than carpets and rugs) from mixtures of wool or animal fiber (other than silk) containing not more than 25 percent by weight of wool or animal fiber (other than silk), with any of the fibers designated in clause (a), with a margin of tolerance of 2 percent to meet the exigencies of manufacture;
- (i) The manufacturing, dyeing, finishing or processing of rugs or carpets from grass, paper, or from any yarn or fiber except yarn containing any wool but not including the manufacturing by hand of such products.

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