

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions  
Washington 25, D. C.

PUBLIC HEARING JULY 28 TO CONSIDER NEW WAGE DETERMINATIONS  
IN TWO CLOTHING INDUSTRIES

A public hearing will be held July 28 to consider proposals to increase the minimum wage determinations under the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act for the Leather and Sheep-lined Jackets Industry and the Outdoor Jackets and Wool Trousers Branches of the Uniform and Clothing Industry. It is estimated that there are approximately 55,000 workers in the two industries.

Proposals submitted for consideration are:

1. Increase the minimum wage for the Leather and Sheep-lined Jackets Industry from the present 42½ cents an hour to 85 cents an hour and establish a 65-cents-an-hour rate for auxiliary workers.
2. Increase the minimum wage for the Outdoor Jackets and Wool Trousers Branches of the Uniform and Clothing Industry from the present 40 cents an hour to 85 cents an hour, establish a 65-cents-an-hour rate for auxiliary workers and continue the present 65-cents-an-hour rate for learners in non-auxiliary categories.

Called by Wm. R. McComb, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor, at the request of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, the hearing will also afford interested parties an opportunity to discuss the desirability of extending coverage to wool or part-wool trousers and breeches other than uniform trousers or breeches.

Evidence obtained at the hearing, scheduled for 10 a.m. in Conference Room "A" in the Interdepartmental Auditorium, Washington, D. C., will be submitted to the Acting Secretary of Labor, who determines the prevailing minimum wage on an industry basis for performance on Government contracts in amounts above \$10,000, to which the Public Contracts Act applies.

Formal notice of the hearing, which includes definitions of the industries, is published today in the Federal Register. Copies of the notice and copies of the union's memorandum on minimum wage rates in the industries may be obtained from the Divisions without cost.

Notice of intention to appear may be filed with the Administrator not later than July 21. Written statements in lieu of personal appearance will be accepted up to July 28, but must be submitted in quadruplicate.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR DEFINITIONS OF INDUSTRIES REFERRED TO ABOVE.

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DEFINITIONS

As stated in the Secretary of Labor's determination of September 4, 1941, the Leather and Sheep-lined Jackets Industry means:

"the manufacture and supply of all leather, leather trimmed, and sheep-lined garments for men, women, or children."

As stated in the Secretary of Labor's determination of January 25, 1941, the Outdoor Jackets Branch of the Uniform and Clothing Industry means:

"that branch which manufactures wool and wool-lined jackets, whether or not such jackets are properly described as mackinaws, field jackets, windbreakers, lumber jackets, péajackets, wool jumpers or middied, blanket-lined or similar coats, or by any other similar designation."

As stated in the Secretary of Labor's determination of January 25, 1941, the Wool Trousers Branch of the Uniform and Clothing Industry means:

"that branch which manufactures wool or part wool uniform trousers or breeches, except tailored-to-measure trousers."

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