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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
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WAGE-HOUR ACT NOT RETROACTIVE

Administrator Elmer F. Andrews, of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, today declared that the Fair Labor Standards Act is not retroactive and that goods produced and handled at substandard wages before October 24th do not become "outlaw" goods on that day.

Employees engaged in handling such goods in interstate commerce on and after the 24th, however, must be paid in accordance with the wage and hour provisions of the law.

Mr. Andrews made the ruling in response to an inquiry from Rivera Martinez, Labor Commissioner of Puerto Rico.