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Changes in Uniform and Clothing Industry Wage Determination

"Hand fellers" and "bushelers" are held not to be auxiliary workers in the coat and suit branch of the Uniform and Clothing Industry under an amended wage determination issued today. As a result, employees in these two occupations must be paid the basic industry 60-cent minimum rather than the rate of 40 cents established for auxiliary workers.

The amended determination, signed by former Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins June 28, was issued following representations that the two occupations should not be considered as auxiliary. No protests were received in response to a show-cause notice.

In addition, the Secretary of Labor removed from the existing minimum wage determination the percentage limitation on the number of auxiliary workers permitted and specifically listed and defined the following occupations and workers as auxiliary: position marking, shade and size numbering, bundle tying, bundle ticketing, matching and pairing, basting pulling, hand trimming, cleaning, turning, floor boys and girls, porters, and examiner's helpers.

These amendments are to apply to all contracts subject to the Public Contracts Act, bids for which are solicited or negotiations otherwise commenced by the contracting agency on or after August 6, 1945.

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