

## [ 3510-18 ]

Title 15—Commerce and Foreign Trade  
SUBTITLE A—OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
OF COMMERCE

PART 16—PROCEDURES FOR A VOLUN-  
TARY CONSUMER PRODUCT INFORMA-  
TION LABELING PROGRAM

Amendment to Authorize the Secretary to  
Suspend Fees and Charges

AGENCY: Assistant Secretary of Com-  
merce for Science and Technology, Com-  
merce.

ACTION: Rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends the  
procedures for the Voluntary Consumer  
Product Information Labeling Program  
to authorize the Secretary at any time  
to suspend for any length of time the  
requirement for her to establish fees and  
charges for participation in the program.  
This amendment will provide the Secre-  
tary with greater flexibility to encourage  
participation by manufacturers and  
others in this program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 5, 1977.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CON-  
TACT:

Dr. Howard I. Forman, Deputy Assist-  
ant Secretary for Product Standards,  
Room 3876, U.S. Department of Com-  
merce, Washington, D.C. 20230, 202-  
377-3221.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:  
On May 25, 1977, the Department of  
Commerce announced in the FEDERAL  
REGISTER (42 FR 26647) procedures un-  
der which a Voluntary Consumer Prod-  
uct Information Labeling Program ad-  
ministered by the Department will func-  
tion. The Department determined that  
the program would be instituted on a  
limited pilot project basis. Section 16.6  
(a) of the procedures provides that the  
Secretary shall establish fees and  
charges for use of the Department of  
Commerce Label and Mark on each  
product.

On August 30, 1977, the Department  
announced in the FEDERAL REGISTER (42  
FR 43641) that, upon further study of  
the need to establish such fees and  
charges, it had been determined that it  
would be in the public interest to dis-  
pense with all fees and charges at least  
for the duration of the limited pilot pro-  
ject in order to encourage participation  
by manufacturers in the program. In  
order to provide the Secretary with au-  
thority to suspend the fees and charges  
required by § 16.6(a) of the procedures,  
a proposed amendment was published in  
the FEDERAL REGISTER (42 FR 43641, Au-  
gust 30, 1977). Interested persons were  
invited to submit written comments on  
the proposed amendment on or before  
September 29, 1977.

Comments concerning the proposed  
amendment were received from two  
sources. The first of these was submitted  
by the Office of Consumer Affairs, De-  
partment of Health, Education, and

Welfare, which stated support for the  
proposed amendment and offered certain  
suggestions for the Department's con-  
sideration that might additionally in-  
crease industry acceptance of the pro-  
gram. These suggestions were not di-  
rected toward the proposed amendment;  
however, the Department may consider  
them in its continuing review of the pro-  
gram.

The second comment was provided by  
Electrical Testing Laboratories, Inc.  
(ETL), New York, N.Y. ETL stated op-  
position to the proposed amendment be-  
cause it would increase the amount of  
taxpayer's money used to support a pro-  
gram that ETL considers competitive  
with available existing programs. ETL  
stated that the proposed amendment  
represents the utilization of taxpayer's  
money to subsidize programs that are  
competitive with existing, available pro-  
grams. After careful consideration, the  
Department has determined that if the  
Procedures for the Voluntary Consumer  
Product Information Labeling Program  
(CPILP) provide the Secretary with au-  
thority to suspend fees and charges, the  
public interest will be served in appro-  
priate cases by encouraging companies  
to participate in the program who would  
not do so if they had to pay such fees  
and charges. The Department does not  
believe that this program will compete  
with existing programs, but that it will  
operate in conjunction with such pro-  
grams. Therefore, the comment by ETL  
is not considered persuasive.

Copies of the two letters of comment  
received and a summary and analysis of  
these letters are available for public in-  
spection and copying in the Depart-  
ment's Central Reference and Records  
Inspection Facility, Room 5317, Main  
Commerce Building, 14th Street between  
E Street and Constitution Avenue NW.,  
Washington, D.C. 20230.

Accordingly, in order to provide the  
Secretary with authority to suspend the  
fees and charges required by § 16.6(a) of  
the procedures, these procedures are  
hereby amended by adding a new para-  
graph (d) to § 16.6 as set forth below.

NOTE.—The Department of Commerce has  
determined that adoption of this amendment  
does not constitute a major proposal re-  
quiring preparation of an Economic Impact  
Statement under Executive Order 11821, as  
amended by Executive Order 11949, and Of-  
fice of Management and Budget Circular No.  
A-107.

Issued: October 31, 1977.

JORDAN J. BARUCH,  
Assistant Secretary for  
Science and Technology.

15 CFR 16.6 is amended by adding a  
new paragraph (d) to read as follows:  
§ 16.6 Establishment of fees and charges.

(d) The establishment of fees and  
charges under this section may, at any  
time, be suspended by the Secretary for  
any length of time.

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## [ 4110-03 ]

Title 21—Food and Drugs

CHAPTER I—FOOD AND DRUG ADMINIS-  
TRATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,  
EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL

[Docket No. 76N-0366]

PART 81—GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS  
AND GENERAL RESTRICTIONS FOR  
PROVISIONAL COLOR ADDITIVES FOR  
USE IN FOODS, DRUGS, AND COS-  
METICS

Postponement of Closing Date

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administra-  
tion.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commissioner of Food  
and Drugs is postponing the closing date  
for the provisional listing of lead acetate.  
The new closing date will be January 31,  
1978.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 1977.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CON-  
TACT:

Gerald L. McCowin, Bureau of Foods  
(HFF-334), Food and Drug Adminis-  
tration, Department of Health, Edu-  
cation, and Welfare, 200 C Street SW.,  
Washington, D.C. 20204, 202-472-5740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:  
The current closing date of October 31,  
1977 for the provisional listing of lead  
acetate was established by regulation  
published in the FEDERAL REGISTER of  
February 4, 1977 (42 FR 6992). The reg-  
ulation set forth below will postpone the  
October 31, 1977 closing date for the pro-  
visional listing of that color additive un-  
til January 31, 1978.

The closing date for the provisional  
listing of lead acetate is being postponed  
to permit time for the publication in the  
FEDERAL REGISTER of a proposal that will  
address the status of lead acetate and  
several other provisionally listed colors.  
The Commissioner will not propose to  
extend the closing date beyond January  
31, 1981.

The Commissioner concludes that no-  
tice and public procedure on this regu-  
lation are impracticable and contrary to  
the public interest and that good cause  
exists for issuing this postponement as  
a final order. This regulation, to be ef-  
fective on November 1, 1977, will permit  
the uninterrupted use of the affected col-  
or additives until further action is tak-  
en. Therefore, in accordance with 5  
U.S.C. 553 (b) and (d) (1) and (3), this  
postponement is issued as a final regula-  
tion and is being made effective on No-  
vember 1, 1977.

Therefore, under the transitional pro-  
visions of the Color Additive Amend-  
ments of 1960 to the Federal Food, Drug,  
and Cosmetic Act (Title II, Pub. L. 86-  
618; sec. 203, 74 Stat. 404-407 (21 U.S.C.  
376 note)) and under authority delegat-  
ed to the Commissioner (21 CFR 5.1),  
Part 81 is amended in § 81.1 *Provisional  
lists of color additives*, by revising the  
entry for the closing date for the color

additive lead acetate listed in paragraph (g) to read "January 31, 1978".

Effective date: November 1, 1977.

(Sec. 203, 74 Stat. 404-407 (21 U.S.C. 376 note).)

Dated: October 31, 1977.

WILLIAM F. RANDOLPH,  
Acting Associate Commissioner  
for Compliance.

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[ 1505-01 ]

Title 22—Foreign Relations

CHAPTER I—DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Dept. Reg. 108.745]

PART 9A—SECURITY INFORMATION REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM; RELATED MATERIAL

Correction

In FR Doc. 77-27057 appearing at page 46516 in the issue for Friday, September 16, 1977, the title of Part 9A should read as set forth above.

[ 4510-27 ]

Title 29—Labor

CHAPTER V—WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

PART 602—THE LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS, AND RELATED PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN PUERTO RICO

Wage Order

AGENCY: Department of Labor.

ACTION: Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This wage order raises the minimum wage rate for certain segments of the leather, leather goods, and related products industry in Puerto Rico. The wage increases are being made pursuant to the recommendations of a special committee which has reviewed the wage rates in this industry and has concluded that the specified increases are in accord with those provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act which authorize the establishment of minimum wage rates in various Puerto Rican industries which are lower than the mainland minimum wage rate.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 20, 1977.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Josephine C. Stein, Director, Division of Industry Committees, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N4428, Washington, D.C. 20210, 202-523-8720.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Sections 5, 6, and 8 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 1062, 1064, as amended (29 U.S.C. 205, 206, 208)), including the Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-259; 88 Stat. 55), and Reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1950 (3 CFR 1949-53

Comp., p. 1004), and by means of Administrative Order No. 650 (42 FR 33823), the Secretary of Labor appointed and convened Industry Committee No. 141-B for the Leather, Leather Goods, and Related Products Industry in Puerto Rico, referred to the Committee the question of the minimum rate or rates of wages to be paid under Section 6 of the Act to such employees, and gave notice of a hearing to be held by the Committee.

Subsequent to an investigation and a hearing conducted pursuant to the notice, the Committee has filed with the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor a report containing its findings of fact and recommendations with respect to the matters referred to it.

Accordingly, as authorized and required by Section 8 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, Reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1950, and 29 CFR 511.18, the recommendations of Industry Committee No. 141-B are hereby published, amending § 602.2 of Part 602, Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations. Subparagraphs (3) and (4) of § 602.2 are combined and subparagraph (5) of § 602.2 is redesignated subparagraph (4).

The increases in future wage rates prescribed by Section 6(c) of the 1974 Fair Labor Standards Amendments are set forth in this wage order.

This wage order was prepared prior to the signing by the President of the Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1977. The 1977 amendments provide that where the wage order rate in any industry classification is \$2.30 per hour on December 31, 1977, and is thus at parity with the mainland rate under Section 6(a)(1), then the rate shall remain at parity with the new Section 6(a)(1) rates of \$2.65 per hour effective January 1, 1978, \$2.90 per hour effective January 1, 1979, \$3.10 per hour effective January 1, 1980, and \$3.35 per hour effective January 1, 1981.

Where the wage order rate in any industry classification is less than \$2.30 per hour on December 31, 1977, the 1977 amendments provide for automatic annual increases on each January 1 (beginning on January 1, 1978), in addition to whatever increases may be recommended by an industry committee. The amount of the automatic increase depends upon whether the wage order rate in effect on December 31, 1977, is at least \$2 per hour but less than \$2.30, or is less than \$2 per hour.

Wage order rates which on December 31, 1977, are at least \$2 per hour but less than \$2.30 per hour will automatically increase by 25 cents per hour on January 1, 1978, and by 30 cents per hour on January 1, 1979, and on each succeeding January 1, until the mainland minimum wage rate is reached.

Wage order rates which on December 31, 1977, are less than \$2 per hour will automatically increase by 20 cents per hour on January 1, 1978, and by 25 cents per hour on January 1, 1979, and on each succeeding January 1, until the

wage order rate reaches \$2.30 per hour. Thereafter, the wage order rate will automatically increase by 30 cents per hour on each succeeding January 1 until the mainland minimum wage rate is reached.

This wage order will be amended to reflect the changes made by the 1977 amendments as soon as practicable after enactment.

This document was prepared under the direction and control of Xavier M. Vela, Administrator, Wage and Hour Division.

Accordingly, Part 602 is amended as follows:

In § 602.2 subparagraphs 3 and 4 of paragraph (a) are combined, subparagraph 5 of paragraph (a) is designated (a)(4), the rates in paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4) and (c)(1) are increased, and paragraph (b)(1) is revised to reflect the current wage order rate, as follows:

§ 602.2 Wage rates.

(a) *Pre-1961 coverage classification.* \* \* \*

(1) *Hide curing classification.* (i) The minimum wage for this classification is \$2.29 an hour through April 30, 1978. Under section 6(c) the rate is increased to \$2.30 on May 1, 1978 (section 6(c)(2)).

(2) *Belts classification.* (1) The minimum wage for this classification is \$2.29 an hour through April 30, 1978. Under section 6(c) the rate is increased to \$2.30 on May 1, 1978 (section 6(c)(2)).

(3) *Sporting and athletic goods classification.* (i) The minimum wage for this classification is \$2.25 an hour through April 30, 1978. Under section 6(c) the rate is increased to \$2.30 on May 1, 1978 (section 6(c)(2)).

(ii) This classification is defined as the manufacture of sporting and athletic goods, including but not limited to sport and athletic gloves and mittens and baseballs, softballs, and basketballs, covered with leather, artificial leather, fabric, plastics, or similar materials.

(4) *Other products and activities classification.* (i) The minimum wage for this classification is \$2.19 an hour through April 30, 1978. Under section 6(c) the rate will be increased to \$2.30 on May 1, 1978 (section 6(c)(2)).

(b) *1961 coverage classification:* (1) The minimum wage for this classification is \$2.30 an hour.

(c) *1966 coverage classification:* (1) The minimum wage for this classification is \$2.29 an hour through April 30, 1978. Under section 6(c) the rate is increased to \$2.30 on May 1, 1978 (section 6(c)(2)).

(Secs. 5, 6, 8, 52 Stat. 1062 and 1064, as amended (29 U.S.C. 205, 206, 208).)

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 28th day of October, 1977.

XAVIER M. VELA,  
Administrator, Wage and Hour  
Division, U.S. Department of  
Labor.

[FR Doc.77-32061 Filed 11-3-77;8:45 am]

#### [4510-27]

#### PART 603—THE GLOVES AND MITTENS INDUSTRY IN PUERTO RICO

##### Wage Order

AGENCY: Department of Labor.

ACTION: Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This wage order raises the minimum wage rate for certain segments of the gloves and mittens industry in Puerto Rico. The wage increases are being made pursuant to the recommendations of a special committee which has reviewed the wage rates in this industry and has concluded that the specified increases are in accord with those provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act which authorize the establishment of minimum wage rates in various Puerto Rican industries which are lower than the mainland minimum wage rate.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 20, 1977.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Josephine C. Stein, Director, Division of Industry Committees, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N4428, Washington, D.C. 20210, 202-523-8720.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Sections 5, 6, and 8 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 1062, 1064, as amended (29 U.S.C. 205, 206, 208)), including the Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-259; 88 Stat. 55), and Reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1950 (3 CFR 1949-53 Comp., p. 1004), and by means of Administrative Order No. 650 (42 FR 33823), the Secretary of Labor appointed and convened Industry Committee No. 141-A for the Gloves and Mittens Industry in Puerto Rico, referred to the Committee the question of the minimum rate or rates of wages to be paid under Section 6 of the Act to such employees, and gave notice of a hearing to be held by the Committee.

Subsequent to an investigation and a hearing conducted pursuant to the notice, the Committee has filed with the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor a report containing its findings of fact and recommendations with respect to the matters referred to it.

Accordingly, as authorized and required by Section 8 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, Reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1950, and 29 CFR 511.18, the recommendations of Industry Committee No. 141-A are hereby published, amending § 603.2 of Part 603, Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations. The in-

creases in future wage rates prescribed by section 6(c) of the 1974 Fair Labor Standards Amendments are set forth in this wage order.

This wage order was prepared prior to the signing by the President of the Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1977. The 1977 amendments provide that where the wage order rate in any industry classification is \$2.30 per hour on December 31, 1977, and is thus at parity with the mainland rate under Section 6(a)(1), then the rate shall remain at parity with the new Section 6(a)(1) rates of \$2.65 per hour effective January 1, 1978, \$2.90 per hour effective January 1, 1979, \$3.10 per hour effective January 1, 1980, and \$3.35 per hour effective January 1, 1981.

Where the wage order rate in any industry classification is less than \$2.30 per hour on December 31, 1977, the 1977 amendments provide for automatic annual increases on each January 1 (beginning on January 1, 1978), in addition to whatever increases may be recommended by an industry committee. The amount of the automatic increase depends upon whether the wage order rate in effect on December 31, 1977, is at least \$2.00 per hour but less than \$2.30, or is less than \$2.00 per hour.

Wage order rates which on December 31, 1977, are at least \$2.00 per hour but less than \$2.30 per hour will automatically increase by 25 cents per hour on January 1, 1978, and by 30 cents per hour on January 1, 1979, and on each succeeding January 1, until the mainland minimum wage rate is reached.

Wage order rates which on December 31, 1977, are less than \$2.00 per hour will automatically increase by 20 cents per hour on January 1, 1978, and by 25 cents per hour on January 1, 1979, and on each succeeding January 1, until the wage order rate reaches \$2.30 per hour. Thereafter, the wage order rate will automatically increase by 30 cents per hour on each succeeding January 1 until the mainland minimum wage rate is reached.

This wage order will be amended to reflect the changes made by the 1977 amendments as soon as practicable after enactment.

This document was prepared under the direction and control of Xavier M. Vela, Administrator, Wage and Hour Division. Accordingly, in § 603.2 of Part 603, the rates in paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), (b)(1) and (c)(1) are increased, as follows:

##### § 603.2 Wage rates.

(a) *Pre - 1961 coverage classifications:* \* \* \*

(1) *Hand-sewing on fabric and leather gloves classification:* (i) The minimum wage for this classification is \$1.65 an hour through April 30, 1978. Under section 6(c) the rate is increased by \$0.15 an hour on May 1, 1978 and May 1 of each subsequent year until the mainland rate is reached (section 6(c)(2)).

(2) *Other products and activities classification:* (i) The minimum wage for this classification is \$2.25 an hour

through April 30, 1978. Under section 6(c) the rate is increased to \$2.30 on May 1, 1978 (section 6(c)(2)).

(b) *1961 coverage classification:* (1) The minimum wage for this classification is \$2.30 an hour.

(c) *1966 coverage classification:* (1) The minimum wage for this classification is \$2.30 an hour.

(Secs. 5, 6, 8, 52 Stat. 1062 and 1064, as amended (29 U.S.C. 205, 206, 208).)

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 28th day of October, 1977.

XAVIER M. VELA,  
Administrator, Wage and Hour  
Division, U.S. Department of  
Labor.

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#### [4510-27]

#### PART 615—THE MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING AND RELATED PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN PUERTO RICO

##### Wage Order

AGENCY: Department of Labor.

ACTION: Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This wage order raises the minimum wage rate for certain segments of the men's and boys' clothing and related products industry in Puerto Rico. The wage increases are being made pursuant to the recommendations of a special committee which has reviewed the wage rates in this industry and has concluded that the specified increases are in accord with those provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act which authorize the establishment of minimum wage rates in various Puerto Rican industries which are lower than the mainland minimum wage rate.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 20, 1977.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Josephine C. Stein, Director, Division of Industry Committees, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N4428, Washington, D.C. 20210, 202-523-8720.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Sections 5, 6, and 8 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 1062, 1064, as amended (29 U.S.C. 205, 206, 208)), including the Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-259; 88 Stat. 55), and Reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1950 (3 CFR 1949-53 Comp., p. 1004), and by means of Administrative Order No. 650 (42 FR 33823), the Secretary of Labor appointed and convened Industry Committee No. 142 for the Men's and Boys' Clothing and Related Products Industry in Puerto Rico, referred to the Committee the question of the minimum rate or rates of wages to be paid under Section 6 of the Act to such