

the Committee may be granted if time permits. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Committee should notify MaryAnn Garrahan at the address noted above. The request should state the amount of time desired, the capacity in which the person will appear, and a brief outline of the content of the presentation. Persons who request an oral presentation may be allowed to speak, as time permits, at the discretion of the Chair of the Advisory Committee.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact Veneta Chatman (telephone: (202) 693-1912; Fax (202) 693-1635) by April 28, 2003.

A transcript of the meeting will be available for inspection and copying in the OSHA Technical Data Center, Room N-2625 (see **ADDRESSES** section above) telephone: (202) 693-2350.

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Signed at Washington, DC, this 18th day of April, 2003.

John L. Henshaw,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Wage and Hour Division

[Administrative Order No.]

Special Industry Committee for All Industries in American Samoa; Appointment; Convention; Hearing

1. Pursuant to sections 5 and 6(a)(3) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) of 1938, as amended (29 U.S.C. 205, 206(a)(3)), and Reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1950 (3 CFR 1949-53 Comp., p. 1004) and 29 CFR part 511, I hereby appoint special Industry Committee No. 25 for American Samoa.

2. Pursuant to sections 5, 6(a)(3) and 8 of the FLSA, as amended (29 U.S.C. 205, 206(a)(3), and 208), Reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1950 (3 CFR 1949-53 Comp., p. 1004), and 29 CFR part 511, I hereby:

(a) Convene the above-appointed industry committee;

(b) Refer to the industry committee the question of the minimum rate or rates for all industries in American Samoa to be paid under section 6(a)(3) of the FLSA, as amended; and,

(c) Give notice of the hearing to be held by the committee at the time and place indicated.

The industry committee shall investigate conditions in such industries and the committee, or any authorized subcommittee thereof, shall hear such witnesses and receive such evidence as may be necessary or appropriate to enable the committee to perform its duties and functions under the FLSA.

The committee shall meet in executive session to commence its investigation at 9:00 a.m. and begin its public hearing at 11:00 a.m. on June 16, 2003, in Pago Pago, American Samoa.

3. The rate or rates recommended by the committee shall not exceed the rate prescribed by section 6(a) or 6(b) of the FLSA, as amended by the Fair Labor Standards Act Amendments of 1996, of \$5.15 an hour effective September 1, 1997.

The committee shall recommend to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor the highest minimum rate or rates of wages for such industries that it determines, having due regard to economic and competitive conditions, will not substantially curtail employment in such industries, and will not give any industry in American Samoa a competitive advantage over any industry in the United States outside of American Samoa.

4. Where the committee finds that a higher minimum wage may be determined for employees engaged in certain activities or in the manufacture of certain products in the industry than may be determined for other employees in the industry, the committee shall recommend such reasonable classifications within the industry as it determines to be necessary for the purpose of fixing for each classification the highest minimum wage rate that can be determined for it under the principles set forth herein and in 29 CFR part 511.10, that will not substantially curtail employment in such classification and will not give a competitive advantage to any group in the industry. No classification shall be made, however, and no minimum wage rate shall be fixed solely on a regional basis or on the basis of age or sex. In determining whether there should be classifications within an industry, in making such classifications, and in determining the minimum wage rates for such classifications, the committee shall consider, among other relevant factors, the following:

(a) Competitive conditions as affected by transportation, living and production costs;

(b) Wages established for work of like or comparable character by collective labor agreements negotiated between employers and employees by representatives of their own choosing; and

(c) Wages paid for work of like or comparable character by employers who voluntarily maintain minimum wage standards in the industry.

5. Prior to the hearing, the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, shall prepare an economic report containing the information that has been assembled pertinent to the matters referred to the committee. Copies of this report may be obtained at the Office of the Governor, Pago Pago, American Samoa, and the National Office of the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. Upon request, the Wage and Hour Division will mail copies to interested persons who make a written request to the Wage and Hour Division. To facilitate mailing, such persons should make advance written request to the Wage and Hour Division. The committee will take official notice of the facts stated in this report. Parties, however, shall be afforded an opportunity to refute such facts by evidence received at the hearing.

6. The provisions of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, part 511, will govern the procedure of this industry committee. Copies of this part of the regulations will be available at the Office of the Governor, Pago Pago, American Samoa, and at the National Office of the Wage and Hour Division. The proceedings will be conducted in English, but in the event that a witness should wish to testify in Samoan, an interpreter will be provided. As a prerequisite to participation as a party, interested persons shall file six copies of a pre-hearing statement at the aforementioned Office of the Governor of American Samoa and six copies at the National Office of the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. Each pre-hearing statement shall contain the data specified in 29 CFR 511.8 of the regulations and shall be filed not later than May 16, 2003. If such statements are sent by airmail between American Samoa and the mainland, such filing shall be deemed timely if postmarked within the time provided.

Signed at Washington, DC this 17th day of April, 2003.

Elaine L. Chao,

Secretary of Labor.

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