

which, having due regard to economic and competitive conditions, will not substantially curtail employment in such industries and will not give any industry in Puerto Rico a competitive advantage over any industry in the United States outside of Puerto Rico. Before any minimum wage rates recommended by the Committee are made effective, a public hearing will be held pursuant to section 8 of the act, at a time and place to be announced by the Administrator, and at which all interested persons will have an opportunity to be heard.

Any person who, in the opinion of the Committee or its duly authorized subcommittee, has a substantial interest in the proceeding and is prepared to present material pertinent to the question under consideration may appear on his own behalf or on behalf of any other person. Persons wishing to appear are requested to file with James G. Johnson, Territorial Director of the Wage and

Hour Division, Post Office Box 9061, Santurce 29, Puerto Rico, not later than December 28, 1953, a notice of intention to appear. A copy of such notice must also be filed by such persons with the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor, Washington 25, D. C., on or before the same date. The notice of intention to appear should contain the following information:

1. The name and address of the person appearing.

2. If he is appearing in a representative capacity, the name and address of the person or persons whom, or the organization which, he is representing.

3. The approximate length of time which his presentation will consume.

All testimony will be taken under oath and subject to reasonable cross-examination by any interested person present. Testimony so received will be offered as evidence at the public hearing to be held on such minimum wage recommenda-

tions as Special Industry Committee No. 15 for Puerto Rico may make.

Written statements of persons who cannot appear personally will be considered by the Committee: *Provided*, That such statements are sworn and that at least 12 copies thereof are received not later than January 11, 1954, at the Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor, Room 412, New York Department Store Building, Stop 16½, Ponce de Leon Avenue, Santurce 29, Puerto Rico. Any person appearing at the hearing who offers written material must submit at least 12 copies thereof.

Signed at San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 9th day of December 1953.

A. CECIL SNYDER,  
Chairman, Special Industry  
Committee No. 15 for Puerto  
Rico.

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## NOTICES

### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

#### Bureau of Customs

[T. D. 53389; Treasury Department Order 165-3]

ESTABLISHING OFFICE OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, TARIFF AND MARINE ADMINISTRATION

DECEMBER 7, 1953.

There is published below for your information and guidance Treasury Department Order No. 165-3, dated December 7, 1953, establishing in the Bureau of Customs a new office designated as Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Tariff and Marine Administration.

D. B. STRUBINGER,  
Acting Commissioner of Customs.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Secretary of the Treasury, there is hereby established in the Bureau of Customs a new office designated as Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Tariff and Marine Administration). This office shall have supervision of the Division of Classification, Entry and Value, the Division of Drawbacks, Penalties, and Quotas, and the Division of Marine Administration.

H. CHAPMAN ROSE,  
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

DECEMBER 7, 1953.

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### Foreign Assets Control

#### FIRECRACKERS

IMPORTATION FROM HONG KONG AND MACAO

Notice is hereby given that the Treasury Department on the basis of information in its possession as to the availability for importation into the United States of firecrackers which are not of Communist

Chinese or North Korean origin is now prepared to consider applications for licenses under the Foreign Assets Control Regulations (31 CFR 500.101 to 500.808) for the importation during the first six months of 1954 of a limited quantity of firecrackers from Hong Kong and Macao.

Any person interested in importing such firecrackers may obtain additional information and license application forms from the Foreign Assets Control, Treasury Department, Washington 25, D. C.

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ELTING ARNOLD,  
Acting Director,  
Foreign Assets Control.

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### Office of the Secretary

[Treasury Department Order 180-1]

#### COMMISSIONER OF NARCOTICS

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO REMIT OR MITIGATE FORFEITURES

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Reorganization Plan No. 26 of 1950, there is hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Narcotics authority to perform any function of the Secretary of the Treasury under the Act of August 9, 1939, 53 Stat. 1291, 49 U. S. C. 781 et seq., and under Part 153 of Title 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations, relating to the remission or mitigation of forfeitures incurred in connection with those contraband articles that are classified by the Act under the term "narcotic drug."

Dated: December 9, 1953.

H. CHAPMAN ROSE,  
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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### United States Coast Guard

[CGFR 53-52]

#### TERMINATIONS OF APPROVALS OF EQUIPMENT

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Commandant, United States Coast Guard, by Treasury Department Order No. 120, dated July 31, 1950 (15 F. R. 6521), and in compliance with the authorities cited below, the following approvals of equipment are terminated because (1) the manufacturer is no longer in business; or (2) the manufacturer does not desire to retain the approval; or (3) the item is no longer being manufactured; or (4) the item of equipment no longer complies with present Coast Guard requirements; or (5) the approval has expired. Except for those approvals which have expired, all other terminations of approvals made by this document shall be made effective upon the thirty-first day after the date of publication of this document in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Notwithstanding this termination of approval of any item of equipment as listed in this document, such equipment in service may be continued in use so long as such equipment is in good and serviceable condition.

LIFE PRESERVERS, KAPOK, ADULT AND CHILD  
(JACKET TYPE)

Termination of Approval No. 160.002/26/0, Model 2, adult kapok life preserver, U. S. C. G. Specification Subpart 160.002, manufactured by Wilber & Son, 590 Howard Street, San Francisco, Calif. (Approved FEDERAL REGISTER October 1, 1952.)

Termination of Approval No. 160.002/27/0, Model 3, adult kapok life preserver, U. S. C. G. Specification Subpart 160.002, manufactured by Wilber & Son, 590 Howard Street, San Francisco, Calif. (Approved FEDERAL REGISTER October 1, 1952.)