EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order, which has effect from the 20th March, 1953, sets out the holidays which an employer is required to allow to workers and the remuneration payable for those holidays, in substitution for the holidays and holiday remuneration fixed by the Rubber Reclamation Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (Holidays) Order, 1947, (Order R.R. (20)), as amended by the Rubber Reclamation Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation Order, 1951, (Order R.R. (27)), which Orders are revoked.

New provisions in the Schedule are printed in italics.

1953 No. 316

The Sack and Bag Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation Order, 1953

Made - - - -	*2nd March*, 1953
Coming into Operation	18*th March*, 1953

Whereas the Minister of Labour and National Service (hereinafter in this Order referred to as "the Minister") has received from the Sack and Bag Wages Council (Great Britain) the wages regulation proposals set out in the Schedule hereto;

Now, therefore, the Minister, by virtue of the powers conferred on him by section 10 of the Wages Councils Act, 1945(**a**), and of all other powers in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Sack and Bag Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation Order, 1953.

2.—(1) In this Order the expression "the specified date" means the 18th day of March, 1953, provided that where, as respects any worker who is paid wages at intervals not exceeding seven days, that date does not correspond with the beginning of the period for which the wages are paid, the expression "the specified date" means, as respects that worker, the beginning of the next such period following that date.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The wages regulation proposals set out in the Schedule hereto shall have effect as from the specified date and as from that date the Sack and Bag Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (No. 2) Order, 1951(**c**), and the Sack and Bag Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (Amendment) Order, 1951(**d**), shall cease to have effect.

Signed by order of the Minister of Labour and National Service this 2nd day of March, 1953.

Godfrey H. Ince,
Secretary,
Ministry of Labour and National Service.

(a) 8 & 9 Geo. 6. c. 17.
(b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) S.I. 1951/518; 1951 II, p. 1292.
(d) S.I. 1951/2225; 1951 II, p. 1297.

SCHEDULE

The following minimum remuneration shall be substituted for the statutory minimum remuneration fixed by the Sack and Bag Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (No. 2) Order, 1951 (Order S.B. (33)), as amended by the Sack and Bag Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (Amendment) Order, 1951 (Order S.B. (35)).

STATUTORY MINIMUM REMUNERATION

PART I

GENERAL

Paragraph 1

The minimum remuneration payable to a worker to whom this Schedule applies for all work except work to which a minimum overtime rate applies under Part IV of this Schedule is:—

(*a*) in the case of a time worker, the general minimum time rate payable to the worker under Part II or Part III of this Schedule;

(*b*) in the case of a male worker employed on piece work, piece rates each of which would yield, in the circumstances of the case, to an ordinary worker at least the same amount of money as the general minimum time rate which would be payable under Part II of this Schedule if he were a time worker;

(*c*) in the case of a female worker employed on piece work, piece rates each of which would yield, in the circumstances of the case, to an ordinary worker at least the same amount of money as the piece work basis time rate applicable to the worker under Part III of this Schedule.

PART II

MALE WORKERS

GENERAL MINIMUM TIME RATES

Paragraph 2

The general minimum time rates payable to male workers are as follows:—

	Per hour s.	d.
(*a*) Workers aged 21 years or over and employed during the whole or part of their time:—		
(i) as superintendents of packing presses (hand or machine) or as press foremen (hand or machine), or		
(ii) in setting up or minding, or in setting up and minding, branding or printing machines or both such machines ...	2	8
Provided that the general minimum time rate payable during his first six months' employment in the trade to a worker who enters, or who has entered, the trade for the first time at or over the age of 21 years shall be	2	7½
(*b*) All other workers—		
Workers aged 21 years or over	2	5½
„ „ 20 and under 21 years...	2	2½
„ „ 19 „ „ 20 „	2	0
„ „ 18 „ „ 19 „	1	9
„ „ 17 „ „ 18 „	1	5
„ „ 16 „ „ 17 „	1	3
„ „ under 16 years	1	1½

Provided that the general minimum time rate payable during his first two months' employment in the trade to a worker who enters, or who has entered, the trade for the first time at or over the age of 18 years shall be ½d. per hour less than the minimum rate otherwise payable under this sub-paragraph.

PART III

FEMALE WORKERS

GENERAL MINIMUM TIME RATES

Paragraph 3

The general minimum time rates payable to female workers are as follows:—

	Per hour s.	d.
(*a*) Workers aged 18 years or over and employed as examiners of mended work, allocators, forewomen, hand sewers of heavy twill sacks and bags of 10 porter and upwards, selectors or graders of mixed loads or setters-up on branding machines ...	*1*	*10½*
Provided that the general minimum time rate payable during her first six months' employment in the trade to a worker who enters, or who has entered, the trade for the first time at or over the age of 18 years shall be	*1*	*9½*
(*b*) All other workers—		
Workers aged 18 years or over	*1*	*9*
„ „ 17 and under 18 years...	*1*	*5*
„ „ 16 „ „ 17 „	*1*	*3*
„ „ under 16 years	*1*	*1½*

Provided that the general minimum time rate payable during her first two months' employment in the trade to a worker who enters, or who has entered, the trade for the first time at or over the age of 16 years shall be ½d. per hour less than the minimum rate otherwise payable under this sub-paragraph.

PIECE WORK BASIS TIME RATES

Paragraph 4

The piece work basis time rates applicable to female workers of any age employed on piece work are as follows:—

(*a*) Workers employed as examiners of mended work, allocators, forewomen, hand sewers of heavy twill sacks and bags of 10 porter and upwards, selectors or graders of mixed loads or setters-up on branding machines	*2*	*0*
(*b*) All other workers	*1*	*10½*

PART IV

OVERTIME AND WAITING TIME

MINIMUM OVERTIME RATES

Paragraph 5

Minimum overtime rates are payable to any worker, not being a male worker employed on piece work, as follows:—

(*a*) on any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or customary holiday—

(i) for the first 2 hours worked in excess of 8½ hours ... ... Time-and-a-quarter

(ii) thereafter ... ... Time-and-a-half

Provided that, where the employer normally requires the worker's attendance on five days only in the week, the foregoing minimum overtime rates of time-and-a-quarter and time-and-a-half shall be payable after 9 and 11 hours' work respectively.

(i) where the worker is normally required to attend on six days in the week—

for the first 2 hours worked in excess of 4 ... Time-and-a-quarter

(*b*) on a Saturday, not being a customary holiday—

thereafter ... ... Time-and-a-half

(ii) where the worker is normally required to attend on five days only in the week—

for the first 2 hours worked ... ... Time-and-a-quarter

thereafter ... ... Time-and-a-half

(*c*) on a Sunday or a customary holiday—

for all time worked ... ... Double time

(*d*) in any week exclusive of any time for which a minimum overtime rate is payable under the foregoing provisions of this paragraph—

for all time worked in excess of 45 hours... ... Time-and-a-quarter

Paragraph 6

In this Part of this Schedule—

(1) the expressions "time-and-a-quarter", "time-and-a-half" and "double time" mean respectively—

(*a*) in the case of a time worker, one and a quarter times, one and a half times and twice the general minimum time rate otherwise payable to the worker;

(*b*) in the case of a female worker employed on piece work—

(i) a time rate equal respectively to one-quarter, one-half and the whole of the piece work basis time rate otherwise applicable to the worker under Part III of this Schedule and, in addition thereto—

(ii) the piece rates otherwise applicable to the worker under paragraph 1 (*c*) of this Schedule.

(2) The expression "customary holiday" means

(*a*) (i) in England and Wales—

Christmas Day (or, if Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, such week day as may be appointed by national proclamation, or, if none is so appointed, the next following Tuesday), Boxing Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Whit Monday and August Bank Holiday;

(ii) in Scotland—

New Year's Day and the following day;

Provided that if New Year's Day falls on a Sunday the holidays shall be the following Monday and Tuesday, and if New Year's Day falls on a Saturday the holidays shall be New Year's Day and the following Monday;

the local Spring holiday;

the local Autumn holiday; and

two other days (being days on which the worker would normally work) in the course of a calendar year to be fixed by the employer and notified to the worker not less than three weeks before the holiday;

or (*b*) in the case of each of the said days (other than a day fixed by the employer in Scotland and notified to the worker as aforesaid) such week day as may be substituted therefor by the employer being either—

(i) a day which is by local custom recognised as a day of holiday, or

(ii) a day (being a day on which the worker would normally work) which falls within three weeks of the day for which it is substituted and is mutually agreed between the employer and the worker.

WAITING TIME

Paragraph 7

(1) A worker is entitled to payment of the minimum remuneration specified in this Schedule for all time during which he is present on the premises of his employer unless he is present thereon in any of the following circumstances:—

(*a*) without the employer's consent, express or implied;

(*b*) for some purpose unconnected with his work and other than that of waiting for work to be given to him to perform;

(*c*) by reason only of the fact that he is resident thereon;

(*d*) during normal meal times in a room or place in which no work is being done and he is not waiting for work to be given to him to perform.

(2) The minimum remuneration payable under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph to a piece worker when not engaged on piece work is that which would be payable if he were a time worker.

PART V

APPLICATION

Paragraph 8

This Schedule applies to workers in relation to whom the Sack and Bag Wages Council (Great Britain) operates, namely, workers employed in Great Britain in the trade specified in the Schedule to the Trade Boards (Sack and Bag Trade, Great Britain) (Constitution and Proceedings) Regulations, 1933(a), that is to say:—

The making from woven fabrics of corn sacks, flour sacks, coal sacks, sugar sacks, cement bags, sand bags, nail bags, potato bags, seed bags and similar sacks or bags, or the repairing thereof:

including:—

(*a*) the following and similar operations (whether performed by hand or machine) known in the trade as:—

(i) Folding (or hooking), cutting, machining, turning;

(a) S.R. & O. 1933 1157; 1933, p. 2052.

(ii) Brushing, selecting, mending;

(iii) Branding, tarring, bundling;

(*b*) the warehousing of, the packing of, and similar operations in regard to sacks or bags of the kind mentioned above when carried on in association with or in conjunction with the making or repairing thereof;

(*c*) the warehousing of, the packing of, and similar operations in regard to any other articles when carried on in or in association with or in conjunction with any business, establishment, branch or department mainly engaged in any of the operations mentioned in paragraph (*b*) above;

but excluding:—

(i) any of the operations mentioned above when carried on in association with or in conjunction with the weaving of jute, flax or hemp, or the dyeing, bleaching or finishing of jute, flax or hemp yarn or cloth;

(ii) any of the operations mentioned above when carried on in or in association with or in conjunction with any business, establishment, branch or department mainly engaged in a business in which the sacks or bags are used as containers for other articles the production or sale of which forms part of the business;

(iii) the making of rope-bound coal or coke sacks when carried on in association with or in conjunction with any business, establishment, branch or department engaged in the making of made-up textile articles other than sacks or bags, whether rope-bound or not, of the kind mentioned;

(iv) any of the operations mentioned in paragraph (*b*) above when carried on in or in association with or in conjunction with any business, establishment, branch or department mainly engaged in the warehousing of, the packing of, and similar operations in regard to made-up textile articles other than sacks or bags, whether rope-bound or not, of the kind mentioned;

(v) operations included in the Trade Boards (Waste Materials Reclamation) Order, 1920(a).

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(a) S.R. & O. 1920/305; 1920 II, p. 794.