

WAGES COUNCILS ACT, 1945.

RETAIL FURNISHING AND ALLIED TRADES
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

Notice by the Commission of Inquiry appointed by the Minister of Labour and National Service to inquire into and report on an application made under Section 2 (i) of the Wages Councils Act, 1945, by the Retail Furnishing and Allied Trades Joint Industrial Council for the establishment of a Wages Council for certain workers and their employers.

The Minister of Labour and National Service, having appointed the Retail Furnishing and Allied Trades Commission of Inquiry in accordance with the Second Schedule to the Wages Councils Act, 1945, has referred to it an application made to him by the Retail Furnishing and Allied Trades Joint Industrial Council under Section 2 of the Act for the establishment of a wages council in respect of the workers specified in the Schedule to this Notice and their employers, on the ground that the existing machinery for the settlement of remuneration and conditions of employment for the said workers is likely to cease to be adequate for that purpose and is likely to cease to exist.

In considering whether any machinery is or is likely to remain adequate for regulating the remuneration and conditions of employment of any workers the Commission is required by Section 4 of the Act to consider not only what matters are capable of being dealt with by that machinery but also to what extent those matters are covered by agreements or awards arrived at or given thereunder and to what extent the practice is or is likely to be in accordance with those agreements or awards.

Under Section 4 of the Act it is the duty of the Commission to inquire into and report to the Minister on the said application, and to consider any other question or matter which in its opinion is relevant thereto, and in particular to consider whether there are any other workers (being workers who, in its opinion, are engaged in work which is complementary, subsidiary or closely allied to the work performed by the workers specified in the Schedule hereto or any of them) whose position should be dealt with together with that of the workers, or some of the workers specified in the Schedule hereto;

The Commission having formed the opinion that workers (other than craftsmen and productive workers) employed in Scotland in the retail furnishing and allied trades as defined in the Schedule to this Notice are engaged in work which is closely allied to the work performed by the workers engaged in those trades in England and Wales;

And the Commission having also formed the opinion that workers (other than craftsmen and productive workers) who are employed in Great Britain in the retail sale of toys and games or leather goods (other than footwear) are engaged in work which is closely allied to the work performed by workers engaged in the retail furnishing and allied trades to whom the Schedule to this Order relates;

Hereby gives notice, pursuant to Section 9 of the Act, that it proposes to consider whether the said workers are workers whose position should be dealt with together with that of the workers specified in the Schedule to this notice.

The Commission will consider representations in respect of the foregoing matter made to it in writing at the Offices of the Commission at 1, Bryanston Square, London, W.1, on or before the 20th day of July, 1946.

J. M. Vincent Smith,
Secretary to the Commission.

SCHEDULE.

Workers (other than craftsmen and productive workers) engaged in the retail furnishing and allied trades (as defined below) in England and Wales.

The "retail furnishing and allied trades" means any undertaking or part of an undertaking (including any warehouse which is part of an undertaking and which is wholly or mainly engaged in supplying the retail shops of that undertaking) wholly or mainly engaged in the retail trade of the following goods:—

Furniture and furnishings including mattresses, floor coverings, mirrors, glass shelves and table tops,

Ironmongery,
Hardware,

Tools,
Brushes, mops and brooms,
Turnery,
China and Glass,
Electrical appliances and equipment,
Cycles and accessories and component parts and perambulators,
Sports Goods,
Radio and television,
Oils, paints, distempers and wallpaper,
Heating, lighting and cooking appliances.

WAGES COUNCILS ACT, 1945.

RETAIL DRAPERY, OUTFITTING AND FOOTWEAR
TRADES COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

Notice by the Commission of Inquiry appointed by the Minister of Labour and National Service to inquire into and report on an application made under Section 2 (i) of the Wages Councils Act, 1945, by the Retail Drapery, Outfitting and Footwear Trades Joint Industrial Council for the establishment of a Wages Council for certain workers and their employers.

The Minister of Labour and National Service, having appointed the Retail Drapery, Outfitting and Footwear Trades Commission of Inquiry in accordance with the Second Schedule to the Wages Councils Act, 1945, has referred to it an application made to him by the Retail Drapery, Outfitting and Footwear Trades Joint Industrial Council under Section 2 of the Act for the establishment of a wages council in respect of the workers specified in the Schedule to this Notice and their employers, on the ground that the existing machinery for the settlement of remuneration and conditions of employment for the said workers is likely to cease to be adequate for that purpose and is likely to cease to exist.

In considering whether any machinery is or is likely to remain adequate for regulating the remuneration and conditions of employment of any workers the Commission is required by Section 4 of the Act to consider not only what matters are capable of being dealt with by that machinery but also to what extent those matters are covered by agreements or awards arrived at or given thereunder and to what extent the practice is or is likely to be in accordance with those agreements or awards.

Under Section 4 of the Act it is the duty of the Commission to inquire into and report to the Minister on the said application, and to consider any other question or matter which in its opinion is relevant thereto, and in particular to consider whether there are any other workers (being workers who, in its opinion, are engaged in work which is complementary, subsidiary or closely allied to the work performed by the workers specified in the Schedule hereto or any of them) whose position should be dealt with together with that of the workers, or some of the workers specified in the Schedule hereto;

The Commission having formed the opinion that workers (other than craftsmen and productive workers) employed in Scotland in the retail drapery, outfitting and footwear trades as defined in the Schedule to this Notice are engaged in work which is closely allied to the work performed by the workers engaged in those trades in England and Wales;

Hereby gives notice, pursuant to Section 9 of the Act, that it proposes to consider whether the said workers in Scotland are workers whose position should be dealt with together with that of the workers specified in the Schedule;

The Commission will consider representations in respect of the foregoing matter made to it in writing at the Offices of the Commission at 1, Bryanston Square, London, W.1, on or before the 20th day of July, 1946.

J. M. Vincent Smith,
Secretary to the Commission

SCHEDULE.

Workers (other than craftsmen and productive workers) engaged in the Retail Drapery, Outfitting and Footwear Trades (as defined below) in England and Wales.

The "Retail Drapery, Outfitting and Footwear Trades" means any undertaking or part of an undertaking (including any warehouse which is part of an undertaking and which is wholly or mainly engaged in supplying the retail shops of