

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1972 No. 854

WAGES COUNCILS

The Wages Regulation (Sack and Bag) Order 1972

Made - - - - 5th June 1972
Coming into Operation 28th June 1972

Whereas the Secretary of State has received from the Sack and Bag Wages Council (Great Britain) the wages regulation proposals set out in Schedules 1 and 2 hereto;

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State in exercise of his powers under section 11 of the Wages Councils Act 1959(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Wages Regulation (Sack and Bag) Order 1972.

2.—(1) In this Order the expression “the specified date” means the 28th June 1972, 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) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if this Order and the Order hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

3. The wages regulation proposals set out in Schedules 1 and 2 hereto shall have effect as from the specified date and as from that date the Wages Regulation (Sack and Bag) Order 1971(c) shall cease to have effect.

Signed by Order of the Secretary of State.
5th June 1972.

R. R. D. McIntosh,
Deputy Secretary,
Department of Employment.

(a) 1959 c. 69.

(c) S.I. 1971/207 (1971 I, p. 594).

(a) 1889 c. 63.

Article 3

SCHEDULE 1

The following minimum remuneration shall be substituted for the statutory minimum remuneration fixed by the Wages Regulation (Sack and Bag) Order 1971 (Order S.B. (71)).

STATUTORY MINIMUM REMUNERATION

PART I

GENERAL

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:—

- (1) 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;
- (2) 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;
- (3) 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

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

- (1) Workers aged 21 years or over and employed during the whole or part of their time:—

	Per hour p
(a) as superintendents of packing presses (hand or machine) or as press foremen (hand or machine), or	
(b) in setting up or minding or in setting up and minding, branding or printing machines or both such machines	35.5
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	35.2

- (2) All other workers aged—

21 years or over	34.4
20 and under 21 years	31.0
19 " " 20 "	30.5
18 " " 19 "	30.0
17 " " 18 "	24.6
16 " " 17 "	21.7
under 16 years	20.0

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 0.2p per hour less than the minimum rate otherwise payable under this sub-paragraph.

PART III

FEMALE WORKERS

GENERAL MINIMUM TIME RATES

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

	Per hour p
(1) 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	30·7
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	30·2
(2) All other workers aged—	
18 years or over	30·0
17 and under 18 years	24·6
16 " " 17 "	21·7
under 16 years	20·0

 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 0·2p per hour less than the minimum rate otherwise payable under this sub-paragraph.

PIECE WORK BASIS TIME RATES

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

	Per hour p
(1) 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	31·4
(2) All other workers	30·8

PART IV

OVERTIME AND WAITING TIME

MINIMUM OVERTIME RATES

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

- (1) on any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or customary holiday—
- (a) for the first two hours worked in excess of 8½ hours
- (b) thereafter

 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.

- (2) on a Saturday, not being a customary holiday—
- (a) where the worker is normally required to attend on six days in the week—
- for the first 2 hours worked in excess of 4 hours
- thereafter
- (b) where the worker is normally required to attend on five days only in the week—
- for the first 2 hours worked
- thereafter

- (3) on a Sunday or a customary holiday—
for all time worked double time
- (4) 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 40 hours time-and-a-quarter.
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(3).
- (2) the expression “customary holiday” means
- (a) (i) in England and Wales—
Christmas Day (or, if Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, such weekday 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 (or where another day is substituted therefor by national proclamation, that day), 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 weekday 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

- 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

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;
 - (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; 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 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(b).

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

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

Article 3

SCHEDULE 2

HOLIDAYS AND HOLIDAY REMUNERATION

The Wages Regulation (Sack and Bag) (Holidays) Order 1969(a) (Order S.B. (69)) shall have effect as if in the Schedule thereto for paragraph 4 there were substituted the following:—

“4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, an annual holiday shall be allowed on consecutive working days, being days on which the worker is normally called upon to work for the employer.

(2) (a) Where the number of days of annual holiday for which a worker has qualified exceeds the number of days constituting his normal working week *but does not exceed twice that number* the holiday may be allowed in two periods of consecutive working days; so, however, that when a holiday is so allowed, one of the periods shall consist of a number of such days not less than the number of days constituting the worker's normal working week.

(b) *Where the number of days of annual holiday for which a worker has qualified exceeds twice the number of days constituting his normal working week the holiday may be allowed as follows:—*

(i) *as to two periods of consecutive working days, each such period not being less than the period constituting the worker's normal working week, during the holiday season; and*

(ii) *as to any additional days, on working days which need not be consecutive, to be fixed by agreement between the employer and the worker or his representative, either during the holiday season or before 6th April next following the holiday season.*

(3) For the purposes of this paragraph, days of annual holiday shall be treated as consecutive notwithstanding that a day of holiday allowed to a worker under Part II of this Schedule or a day upon which he does not normally work for the employer intervenes.

(4) Where a day of holiday allowed to a worker under Part II of this Schedule immediately precedes a period of annual holiday or occurs during such a period and the total number of days of annual holiday required to be allowed in the period under the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, together with any such day of holiday allowed under Part II of this Schedule, exceeds the number of days constituting the worker's normal working week then, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the duration of that period of annual holiday may be reduced by one day and in such a case one day of annual holiday may be allowed on any working day (not being the worker's weekly short day) in the holiday season.

(5) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph, any day of annual holiday under this Schedule may be allowed on a day on which the worker is entitled to a day of holiday or to a half-holiday under any enactment other than the Wages Councils Act 1959.”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order has effect from 28th June 1972. Schedule 1 sets out the statutory minimum remuneration payable in substitution for that fixed by the Wages Regulation (Sack and Bag) Order 1971 (Order S.B. (71)), which Order is revoked. Schedule 2 amends the Wages Regulation (Sack and Bag) (Holidays) Order 1969 (Order S.B. (69)) by extending the period during which certain days of annual holiday may be allowed.

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