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§ 11140. Order Regulating Wages, Hours, and Working Conditions in Agricultural Occupations.

(Order No. 14-2001, Effective 1 1 2002 as amended. Sections 4(A), 4(E) and 10(C) amended and republished by the Department of Industrial Relations, effective January 1, 2019, pursuant to SB 3, Chapter 4, Statutes of 2016 and [section 1182.13 of the Labor Code](#). Sections 1(F), 1(G), 3(A), 3(B), 3(C), 3(E) and 11 amended and republished effective January 1, 2017, pursuant to AB 1066, Chapter 313, Statutes of 2016 and [section 864 of the Labor Code](#).)

TAKE NOTICE: To employers and representatives of persons working in industries and occupations in the State of California: The Department of Industrial Relations amends and republishes the minimum wage and meals and lodging credits in the Industrial Welfare Commission's Orders as a result of legislation enacted (SB 3, Ch. 4, Stats of 2016, amending [section 1182.12 of the California Labor Code](#), and AB 1835, Ch. 230, Stats of 2006, adding [sections 1182.12 and 1182.13 to the California Labor Code](#)). The Department of Industrial Relations also updated this Industrial Welfare Commission Order pursuant to legislation enacted (AB 1066, Ch. 313, Stats of 2016, adding [sections 857 through 864 to the California Labor Code](#)). The updates, amendments and republishing make no other changes to this order.

Employers and representatives of persons working in the industry and occupations to which this order applies should note that, except as set forth in [California Labor Code Section 860 and subdivision \(a\) of Labor Code Section 862](#), which are reflected in Section 3 of this order, all other provisions of Division 2, Part 2, Chapter 1 of the Labor Code (commencing with Section 500) regarding compensation for overtime work shall apply to workers in an agricultural occupation commencing January 1, 2017. (See [California Labor Code Section 861](#).) Where this order is inconsistent with Division 2, Part 2, Chapter 6 of the Labor Code (the *Phase-In Overtime for Agricultural Workers Act of 2016*, which incorporates Chapter 1 as stated), Chapter 6 of the Labor Code governs, including the applicable effective dates, unless this order provides greater protections or benefits to agricultural employees. (See [California Labor Code Section 864](#).)

1. Applicability of Order.

This order shall apply to all persons employed in an agricultural occupation whether paid on a time, piece rate, commission, or other basis, except that:

(A) No provision of this order shall apply to any employee who is engaged in work which is primarily intellectual, managerial, or creative, and which requires exercise of discretion and independent judgment, and for which the remuneration is not less than two (2) times the monthly state minimum wage for full-time employment.

(B) No provision of this order shall apply to any individual who is the parent, spouse, child, or legally adopted child of the employer.

(C) Section 5 of this order shall not apply to any employer who employs fewer than five (5) persons covered by this order. If at any one time during a calendar year an employer has five (5) or more employees covered by this order, every provision of this order, including Section 5, Reporting Time Pay, shall apply to that employer throughout that calendar year.

(D) No provision of this order shall apply to any employee covered by Order No. 8 or Order No. 13, relating to industries handling products after harvest.

(E) The provisions of this order shall not apply to any individual participating in a national service program, such as AmeriCorps, carried out using assistance provided under [Section 12571 of Title 42 of the United States Code](#). (See Stats. 2000, chap. 365, amending [Labor Code § 1171](#).)

(F) Sections 3, 4(A)-(D), 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, and 13 of this order shall not apply to an employee engaged to work as a “shepherd,” as that occupation is defined in Section 2 (N). Section 3(A)(2) shall apply to a shepherd employed by a large employer (more than 25 employees) beginning January 1, 2019, and Section 3(A)(3) shall apply to a shepherd employed by a small employer (25 or fewer employees) beginning January 1, 2022. Otherwise, this order, including Section 4(A), shall apply to any workweek during which a shepherd employee is engaged in any non-shepherding agricultural or other work.

(G) Section 3 of this order shall not apply to an employee licensed pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with [§ 7850](#)) of [Chapter 1 of Part 3 of Division 6 of the Fish and Game Code](#) who serves as a crew member on a commercial fishing vessel. Section 3(A)(2) shall apply to a licensed crew member employed by a large employer (more than 25 employees) beginning January 1, 2019, and Section 3(A)(3) shall apply to a licensed crew member employed by a small employer (25 or fewer employees) beginning January 1, 2022.

2. Definitions.

(A) “Commission” means the Industrial Welfare Commission of the State of California.

(B) “Division” means the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement of the State of California.

(C) “Employ” means to engage, suffer, or permit to work.

(D) “Employed in an agricultural occupation” means any of the following described occupations:

(1) The preparation, care, and treatment of farm land, pipeline, or ditches, including leveling for agricultural purposes, plowing, discing, and fertilizing the soil;

(2) The sowing and planting of any agricultural or horticultural commodity;

- (3) The care of any agricultural or horticultural commodity; as used in this subdivision, “care” includes but is not limited to, cultivation, irrigation, weed control, thinning, heating, pruning, or tying, fumigating, spraying, and dusting;
- (4) The harvesting of any agricultural or horticultural commodity, including but not limited to, picking, cutting, threshing, mowing, knocking off, field chopping, bunching, baling, balling, field packing, and placing in field containers or in the vehicle in which the commodity will be hauled, and transportation on the farm or to a place of first processing or distribution;
- (5) The assembly and storage of any agricultural or horticultural commodity, including but not limited to, loading, road siding, banking, stacking, binding, and piling;
- (6) The raising, feeding and management of livestock, fur bearing animals, poultry, fish, mollusks, and insects, including but not limited to herding, housing, hatching, milking, shearing, handling eggs, and extracting honey;
- (7) The harvesting of fish, as defined by [Section 45 of the Fish and Game Code](#), for commercial sale;
- (8) The conservation, improvement or maintenance of such farm and its tools and equipment.
- (E) “Employee” means any person employed by an employer.
- (F) “Employer” means any person as defined in [Section 18 of the Labor Code](#), who directly or indirectly, or through an agent or any other person, employs or exercises control over the wages, hours, or working conditions of any person.
- (G) “Hours worked” means the time during which an employee is subject to the control of an employer, and includes all the time the employee is suffered or permitted to work, whether or not required to do so.
- (H) “Minor” means, for the purpose of this Order, any person under the age of eighteen (18) years.
- (I) “Non-shepherding work” means any work except the work defined in section 2(N) below.
- (J) “Open range shepherding” means, generally, shepherding on land that is not cultivated, but produces native forage (“browse” or herbaceous food that is available to livestock or game animals) for animal consumption, and includes land that is re-vegetated naturally or artificially to provide forage cover that is managed like range vegetation. The range may be on private, federal, or state land. Typically, the land is not only non-cultivated, but not suitable for cultivation because it is rocky, thin, semiarid, or otherwise poor. Also, many acres of range land are required to graze one animal unit (five sheep) for one month. By its very nature, open range shepherding is conducted over wide expanses of land, such as thousands of acres.

(K) "Outside Salesperson" means any person, 18 years of age or over, who customarily and regularly works more than half the working time away from the employer's place of business selling tangible or intangible items or obtaining orders or contracts for products, services or use of facilities.

(L) "Piece rate basis" is a method of payment based on units of production or a fraction thereof.

(M) "Primarily" as used in Section 1, Applicability, means more than one-half the employee's work time.

(N) "Shepherd" means any individual who is employed to do any of the following: tend flocks of sheep grazing on range or pasture; move sheep to and about an area assigned for grazing; prevent sheep from wandering or becoming lost, or using trained dogs to round up strays and protect sheep against predators and the eating of poisonous plants; assist in the lambing, docking, and shearing of sheep; provide water or feed supplementary rations to sheep; or perform the work of a shepherd pursuant to an approved job order filed under the provisions of Section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act (commonly referred to as the "H-2A" program (see [8 U.S.C. Section 1101 et seq.](#))), or any successor provisions.

(O) "Shift" means designated hours of work by an employee, with a designated beginning time and quitting time.

(P) "Split shift" means a work schedule which is interrupted by non-paid non-working periods established by the employer, other than bona fide rest or meal periods.

(Q) "Wages" includes all amounts for labor performed by employees of every description, whether the amount is fixed or ascertained by the standard of time, task, piece, commission basis, or other method of calculation.

(R) "Workday" means any consecutive 24 hours beginning at the same time each calendar day.

(S) "Workweek" means any seven (7) consecutive days, starting with the same calendar day each week. "Workweek" is a fixed and regularly recurring period of 168 hours, seven (7) consecutive 24-hour periods.

3. Hours and Days of Work.

(A) The following overtime provisions are applicable to employees eighteen (18) years of age or over and to employees sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age who are not required by law to attend school:

(1) Such employees shall not be employed more than ten (10) hours in any one workday or more than six (6) days in any workweek unless the employee receives one and one-half (1 1/2) times such employee's regular rate of pay for all hours worked over ten (10) hours in any workday and for the first eight (8) hours on the seventh (7th) day of work and double the employee's regular rate of pay for all hours worked over eight (8) on the seventh (7th) day of work in the workweek.

(2) For employers of more than 25 employees:

(a) Starting January 1, 2019, an employee shall not be employed more than nine and one-half (9 1/2) hours per workday or fifty-five (55) hours per workweek unless the employee receives one and one-half (1 1/2) times such employee's regular rate of pay for all hours worked over nine and one-half (9 1/2) hours in any one workday or more than fifty-five (55) hours in any one workweek.

(b) Starting January 1, 2020, an employee shall not be employed more than nine (9) hours per workday or fifty (50) hours per workweek unless the employee receives one and one-half (1 1/2) times such employee's regular rate of pay for all hours worked over nine (9) hours in any one workday or more than fifty (50) hours in any one workweek.

(c) Starting January 1, 2021, an employee shall not be employed more than eight and one-half (8 1/2) hours per workday or forty-five (45) hours per workweek unless the employee receives one and one-half (1 1/2) times such employee's regular rate of pay for all hours worked over eight and one-half (8 1/2) hours in any one workday or more than forty-five (45) hours in any one workweek.

(d) Starting January 1, 2022, an employee shall not be employed more than eight (8) hours per workday or work in excess of forty (40) hours per workweek unless the employee receives one and one-half (1 1/2) times such employee's regular rate of pay for all hours worked over eight (8) hours in any workday or more than forty (40) hours in any workweek and double the employee's regular rate of pay for all hours worked over twelve (12) hours in any one workday.

(3) For employers of 25 or fewer employees:

(a) Starting January 1, 2022, the overtime standards and compensation in subsection (2)(a) above, shall apply to any employee who works over the specified threshold hours in any one workday or workweek.

(b) Starting January 1, 2023, the overtime standards and compensation in subsection (2)(b) above, shall apply to any employee who works over the specified threshold hours in any one workday or workweek.

(c) Starting January 1, 2024, the overtime standards and compensation in subsection (2)(c) above, shall apply to any employee who works over the specified threshold hours in any one workday or workweek.

(d) Starting January 1, 2025, the overtime standards and compensation in subsection (2)(d) above, shall apply to any employee who works over the specified numbers of hours in any one workday or workweek.

(See [California Labor Code, Sections 1391 and 1394](#))

(VIOLATIONS OF CHILD LABOR LAWS are subject to civil penalties of from \$500 to \$10,000 as well as to criminal penalties provided herein. Refer to [California Labor Code Sections 1285 to 1312 and 1390 to 1399](#) for additional restrictions on the employment of minors. Employers should ask school districts about required work permits.)

(B) An employee may be employed on seven (7) workdays in one workweek with no overtime pay required when the total hours of employment during such workweek do not exceed 30 and the total hours of employment in any one workday thereof do not exceed six (6), subject to [Labor Code Sections 510](#) and [550-556](#).

(C) The provisions of subsection (A) above shall not apply to an employee covered by this order during any week in which more than half of such employee's working time is devoted to performing the duties of an irrigator. Subsection 3(A)(2) shall apply to such an employee employed by a large employer (more than 25 employees) beginning January 1, 2019, and subsection 3(A)(3) shall apply to such an employee employed by a small employer (25 or fewer employees) beginning January 1, 2022.

(D) The provisions of this section are not applicable to employees whose hours of service are regulated by:

(1) The United States Department of Transportation [Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, Sections 395.1 to 395.13](#), Hours of Service of Drivers; or

(2) [Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations, subchapter 6.5, sec. 1200](#) and following sections, regulating hours of drivers.

(E) This section shall not apply to any employee covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement if said agreement expressly provides for the wages, hours of work, and working conditions of the employees, and if the agreement provides premium wage rates for all overtime hours worked and a regular hourly rate of pay for those employees of not less than thirty percent (30%) more than the state minimum wage.

(See [California Labor Code, Section 514](#))

4. Minimum Wages.

(A) Every employer shall pay to each employee wages not less than the following:

(1) Any employer who employs 26 or more employees shall pay to each employee wages not less than the following:

(a) Ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50) per hour for all hours worked, effective January 1, 2017;

(b) Eleven dollars (\$11.00) per hour for all hours worked, effective January 1, 2018;

(c) Twelve dollars (\$12.00) per hour for all hours worked, effective January 1, 2019; and

(d) Thirteen dollars (\$13.00) per hour for all hours worked, effective January 1, 2020.

(2) Any employer who employs 25 or fewer employees shall pay to each employee wages not less than the following:

(a) Ten dollars (\$10.00) per hour for all hours worked, effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017;

(b) Ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50) per hour for all hours worked, effective January 1, 2018;

(c) Eleven dollars (\$11.00) per hour for all hours worked, effective January 1, 2019; and

(d) Twelve dollars (\$12.00) per hour for all hours worked, effective January 1, 2020.

Employees treated as employed by a single qualified taxpayer pursuant to [Revenue and Taxation Code section 23626](#) are treated as employees of that single taxpayer. LEARNERS: Employees during their first 160 hours of employment in occupations in which they have no previous similar or related experience, may be paid not less than 85 percent of the minimum wage rounded to the nearest nickel.

(B) Every employer shall pay to each employee, on the established payday for the period involved, not less than the applicable minimum wage for all hours worked in the payroll period, whether the remuneration is measured by time, piece, commission, or otherwise.

(C) When an employee works a split shift, one (1) hour's pay at the minimum wage shall be paid in addition to the minimum wage for that workday, except when the employee resides at the place of employment.

(D) The provisions of this section shall not apply to apprentices regularly indentured under the State Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

(E) The monthly minimum wage for shepherders employed on a regularly scheduled 24-hour shift on a seven-day-a-week "on call" basis shall be the following:

(1) For employers who employ 26 or more employees: effective January 1, 2017, \$1,866.88 per month; effective January 1, 2018, \$1,955.74 per month; effective January 1, 2019, \$2,133.52 per month; effective January 1, 2020, \$2,311.24 per month.

(2) For employers who employ 25 or fewer employees: effective January 1, 2017, \$1,777.98 per month; effective January 1, 2018, \$1,866.88 per month; effective January 1, 2019, \$1,955.74 per month; effective January 1, 2020, \$2,133.52 per month.

(3) Wages paid to shepherders shall not be offset by meals or lodging provided by the employer.

5. Reporting Time Pay.

(A) Each workday an employee is required to report for work and does report, but is not put to work or is furnished less than half said employee's usual or scheduled day's work, the employee shall be paid for half the usual or scheduled day's work, but in no event for less than two (2) hours nor more than four (4) hours, at the employee's regular rate of pay, which shall not be less than the minimum wage.

(B) If an employee is required to report for work a second time in any one workday and is furnished less than two (2) hours of work on the second reporting, said employee shall be paid for two (2) hours at the employee's regular rate of pay, which shall not be less than the minimum wage.

(C) The foregoing reporting time pay provisions are not applicable when:

(1) Operations cannot commence or continue due to threats to employees or property; or when recommended by civil authorities; or

(2) Public utilities fail to supply electricity, water, or gas, or there is a failure in the public utilities, or sewer system; or

(3) The interruption of work is caused by an Act of God or other cause not within the employer's control.

(D) This section shall not apply to an employee on paid standby status who is called to perform assigned work at a time other than the employee's scheduled reporting time.

6. Licenses for Disabled Workers.

(A) A license may be issued by the Division authorizing employment of a person whose earning capacity is impaired by physical disability or mental deficiency at less than the minimum wage. Such licenses shall be granted only upon joint application of employer and employee and employee's representative if any.

(B) A special license may be issued to a nonprofit organization such as a sheltered workshop or rehabilitation facility fixing special minimum rates to enable the employment of such persons without requiring individual licenses of such employees.

(C) All such licenses and special licenses shall be renewed on a yearly basis or more frequently at the discretion of the Division.

(See [California Labor Code, Sections 1191 and 1191.5](#))

7. Records.

(A) Every employer shall keep accurate information with respect to each employee including the following:

- (1) Full name, home address, occupation and social security number.
- (2) Birth date, if under 18 years, and designation as a minor.
- (3) Time records showing when the employee begins and ends each work period. Meal periods, split shift intervals and total daily hours worked shall also be recorded. Meal periods during which, operations cease and authorized rest periods need not be recorded.
- (4) Total wages paid each payroll period, including value of board, lodging, or other compensation actually furnished to the employee.
- (5) Total hours worked in the payroll period and applicable rates of pay. This information shall be made readily available to the employee upon reasonable request.
- (6) When a piece rate or incentive plan is in operation, piece rates or an explanation of the incentive plan formula shall be provided to employees. An accurate production record shall be maintained by the employer.

(B) Employers of shepherders shall keep accurate information with respect to shepherder employees, including an itemized statement showing applicable rates of pay for shepherding and any applicable non-shepherding agricultural or other work, all deductions, dates of period for which paid, name and social security number (if any) of employee, and name of employer.

(C) Every employer shall semi-monthly or at the time of each payment of wages furnish each employee, either as a detachable part of the check, draft, or voucher paying the employee's wages, or separately, an itemized statement in writing showing: (1) all deductions; (2) the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid; (3) the name of the employee or the employee's social security number; and (4) the name of the employer, provided all deductions made on written orders of the employee may be aggregated and shown as one item.

(D) Every employer of a shepherder shall annually notify the shepherder of his or her rights and obligations under state and federal law.

(E) All required records shall be in the English language and in ink or other indelible form, properly dated, showing month, day and year, and shall be kept on file by the employer for at least three (3) years at the place of employment or at a central location within the State of California. An employee's records shall be available for inspection by the employee upon reasonable request.

8. Cash Shortage and Breakage.

No employer shall make any deduction from the wage or require any reimbursement from an employee for any cash shortage, breakage, or loss of equipment, unless it can be shown that the shortage, breakage, or loss is caused by a dishonest or willful act, or by the gross negligence of the employee.

9. Uniforms and Equipment.

(A) When uniforms are required by the employer to be worn by the employee as a condition of employment, such uniforms shall be provided and maintained by the employer. The term “uniform” includes wearing apparel and accessories of distinctive design or color. NOTE: This section shall not apply to protective apparel regulated by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board.

(B) When tools or equipment are required by the employer or are necessary to the performance of a job, such tools and equipment shall be provided and maintained by the employer, except that an employee whose wages are at least two (2) times the minimum wage provided herein may be required to provide and maintain hand tools and equipment customarily required by the trade or craft. This subsection (B) shall not apply to apprentices regularly indentured under the State Division of Apprenticeship Standards. NOTE: This section shall not apply to protective equipment and safety devices on tools regulated by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board.

(C) A reasonable deposit may be required as security for the return of the items furnished by the employer under provisions of subsections (A) and (B) of this section upon issuance of a receipt to the employee for such deposit. Such deposits shall be made pursuant to Section 400 and following of the Labor Code or an employer with the prior written authorization of the employee may deduct from the employee's last check the cost of an item furnished pursuant to (A) and (B) above in the event said item is not returned. No deduction shall be made at any time for normal wear and tear. All items furnished by the employer shall be returned by the employee upon completion of the job.

10. Meals and Lodging.

(A) “Meal” means an adequate, well-balanced serving of a variety of wholesome, nutritious foods.

(B) “Lodging” means living accommodations available to the employee for full-time occupancy which are adequate, decent, and sanitary according to usual and customary standards. Employees shall not be required to share a bed.

(C) Meals or lodging may not be credited against the minimum wage without a voluntary written agreement between the employer and the employee. When credit for meals or lodging is used to meet part of the employer's minimum wage obligation, the amounts so credited may not be more than the following:

	<i>Effective January 1, 2017</i>		<i>Effective January 1, 2018</i>	
<i>For an employer who employs:</i>	<i>26 or More</i>	<i>25 or Fewer</i>	<i>26 or More</i>	<i>25 or Fewer</i>
	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Employees</i>
<i>Lodging</i>				
Room occupied alone	\$49.38/week	\$47.03/week	\$51.73/week	\$49.38/week
Room shared.....	\$40.76/week	\$38.82/week	\$42.70/week	\$40.76/week

Apartment - two thirds (2/3) of the ordinary rental value, and in no event more than..... \$593.05/month \$564.81/month \$621.29/month \$593.05/month

Where a couple are both employed by the employer, two thirds (2/3) of the ordinary rental value, and in no event more than \$877.27/month \$835.49/month \$919.04/month \$877.26/month

Meals
 Breakfast..... \$3.80 \$3.62 \$3.98 \$3.80
 Lunch..... \$5.22 \$4.97 \$5.47 \$5.22
 Dinner..... \$7.09 \$6.68 \$7.35 \$7.01

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For an employer who employs: 26 or More 25 or Fewer 26 or More 25 or Fewer
Employees Employees Employees Employees

Lodging
 Room occupied alone \$56.43/week \$51.73/week \$61.13/week \$56.43/week
 Room shared..... \$46.58/week \$42.70/week \$50.46/week \$46.58/week

Apartment - two thirds (2/3) of the ordinary rental value, and in no event more than..... \$677.75/month \$621.28/month \$734.21/month \$677.75/month

Where a couple are both employed by the employer, two thirds (2/3) of the ordinary rental value, and in no event more than \$1,002.56/month \$919.02 /month \$1,086.07/month \$1,002.56/month

Meals
 Breakfast..... \$4.34 \$3.98 \$4.70 \$4.34
 Lunch..... \$5.97 \$5.47 \$6.47 \$5.97
 Dinner..... \$8.01 \$7.34 \$8.68 \$8.01

(D) Meals, evaluated as part of the minimum wage, must be bona fide meals consistent with the employee's work shift. Deductions shall not be made for meals not received or lodging not used.

(E) If, as a condition of employment, the employee must live at the place of employment or occupy quarters owned or under the control of the employer, then the employer may not charge rent in excess of the values listed herein.

(F) Paragraphs (C), (D), and (E) above shall not apply to sheepherders. Every employer shall provide to each sheepherder not less than the minimum monthly meal and lodging benefits required to be provided by employers of sheepherders employed under the provisions of the H-2A program of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act [[8 U.S.C. Section 1101 et seq.](#)], or any successor provisions.

(G) Fixed Site Housing: A sheepherder not engaged in open range sheepherding, shall be provided with fixed site housing that complies with all the following standards and requirements:

(1) Toilets (which may include portable toilets) and bathing facilities (which may include a portable facility).

(2) Heating (which may include a camp stove or other sources of heat).

(3) In-door Lighting.

(4) Potable hot and cold water.

(5) Cooking facilities and utensils.

(6) Refrigeration for perishable foodstuffs (which may include ice chests, provided that ice is delivered to the sheepherder, as needed, to maintain a continuous temperature required to retard spoilage and assure food safety).

(7) Fixed Site Housing Inspections: housing that is erected for sheepherders at fixed locations shall be annually inspected by the State of California Employment Development Department for compliance with Paragraph (F) of this section, unless the employer receives a statement in writing from the Employment Development Department that there are no such inspectors available.

(H) Mobile Housing: When a sheepherder is engaged in open range sheepherding, the employer shall provide mobile housing that complies with all standards and inspection requirements prescribed for mobile sheepherder housing by the United States Department of Labor then in effect. Such housing shall be inspected and approved annually by an inspector from the Employment Development Department unless the employer receives a statement in writing from the Employment Development Department that there are no such inspectors available.

11. Meal Periods.

(A) An employer may not employ an employee for a work period of more than five (5) hours without providing the employee with a meal period of not less than 30 minutes, except that when a work period of not more than six (6) hours

will complete the day's work the meal period may be waived by mutual consent of employer and employee. Unless the employee is relieved of all duty during a 30 minute meal period, the meal period shall be considered an "on duty" meal period and counted as time worked. An "on duty" meal period shall be permitted only when the nature of the work prevents an employee from being relieved of all duty and when by written agreement between the parties an on-the-job paid meal period is agreed to.

(B) An employer may not employ an employee for a work period of more than ten (10) hours per day without providing the employee with a second meal period of not less than 30 minutes, except that if the total hours worked is no more than 12 hours, the second meal period may be waived by mutual consent of the employer and the employee only if the first meal period was not waived.

(See [California Labor Code, Section 512](#))

12. Rest Periods.

Every employer shall authorize and permit all employees to take rest periods, which insofar as practicable shall be in the middle of each work period. The authorized rest period time shall be based on the total hours worked daily at the rate of ten (10) minutes net rest time per four (4) hours or major fraction thereof. However, a rest period need not be authorized for employees whose total daily work time is less than three and one-half (3 1/2) hours. Authorized rest period time shall be counted as hours worked for which there shall be no deduction from wages.

13. Seats.

When the nature of the work reasonably permits the use of seats, suitable seats shall be provided for employees working on or at a machine.

14. Other Working Conditions Applicable To Shepherders.

Shepherders shall be provided with all of the following at each work site:

(A) Regular mail service, which, in the case of open range locations, shall mean mail delivery not less frequently than once every seven days.

(B) An appropriate form of communication, including but not limited to a radio and/or telephone, which will allow shepherders to communicate with employers, health care providers, and government regulators. Employers may charge shepherders for all others uses.

(C) Visitor access to fixed site housing and, when practicable, to mobile housing.

15. Exemptions.

If, in the opinion of the Division after due investigation, it is found that the enforcement of any provisions in Section 7, Records; Section 11, Meal Periods; Section 12, Rest Periods; or Section 13, Seats, would not materially affect the welfare or comfort of

employees and would work an undue hardship on the employer, exemption may be made at the discretion of the Division. Such exemptions shall be in writing to be effective and may be revoked after reasonable notice is given in writing. Application for exemption shall be made by the employer or by the employee and/or the employee's representative to the Division in writing. A copy of the application is filed with the Division.

16. Filing Reports. (See [California Labor Code, Section 1174\(a\)](#))

17. Inspection. (See [California Labor Code, Section 1174](#))

18. Penalties.

(See [California Labor Code, Section 1199](#))

(A) In addition to any other civil penalties provided by law, any employer or any other person acting on behalf of the employer who violates, or causes to be violated, the provisions of this order, shall be subject to the civil penalty of:

(1) Initial Violation - \$50.00 for each underpaid employee for each pay period during which the employee was underpaid in addition to an amount which is sufficient to recover unpaid wages.

(2) Subsequent Violations - \$100.00 for each underpaid employee for each pay period during which the employee was underpaid in addition to an amount which is sufficient to recover unpaid wages.

(B) Any employer or any other person acting on behalf of the employer who employs shepherders and who requires them to engage in non-shepherding duties shall be subject to the following penalties:

(1) Initial violations - a civil penalty of one week's pay computed on a basis of a 60-hour workweek and a wage of no less than the current minimum wage in effect.

(2) Second violation - a civil penalty of one month's pay computed on a basis of a 252-hour month and a wage of no less than the current minimum wage in effect.

(3) Third and subsequent violation - a civil penalty equal to the cost of the contract of the approved "H-2A" job order.

(C) The affected employee shall receive payment of all wages recovered.

(D) The Labor Commissioner may also issue citations pursuant to [Labor Code Section 1197.1](#) for non-payment of wages for overtime work in violation of this order.

19. Separability.

If the application of any provision of this order, or any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or portion of this order should be held invalid or unconstitutional or unauthorized or prohibited by statute, the remaining provisions thereof shall not be affected thereby, but shall continue to be given full force and effect as if the part so held invalid or unconstitutional had not been included herein.

20. Posting of Order.

Every employer shall keep a copy of this order posted in an area frequented by employees where it may be easily read during the workday. Where the location of work or other conditions make this impractical, every employer shall keep a copy of this order and make it available to every employee upon request.

Note: Authority cited: [Sections 864, 1173 and 1182.13, Labor Code](#); and [California Constitution, Article XIV, Section 1](#).
Reference: [Sections 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 864, 1182, 1182.12, 1182.13, 1184 and 2695.2, Labor Code](#).

HISTORY

1. Amendment filed 4-22-88; operative 7-1-88 (Register 88, No. 19).
2. Repealer of subsection 4(4) filed 1-11-89; operative 1-11-89 (Register 89, No. 4).
3. Change without regulatory effect pursuant to [section 100, title 1, California Code of Regulations](#) repealing subsection 8 (last sentence only) filed 4-24-89 (Register 89, No. 17).
4. Editorial correction of printing errors (Register 91, No. 32).
5. Amendment of subsection 4.(A) filed 9-19-96; operative 10-1-96. Submitted to OAL for printing only (Register 96, No. 38).
6. Amendment of subsection 4.(A) filed 1-14-97; operative 3-1-97. Submitted to OAL for printing only (Register 97, No. 3).
7. Amendment of order number and subsection 10.(B) filed 8-5-97; operative 1-1-98. Submitted to OAL for printing only (Register 97, No. 32).
8. Repealer and new section filed 5-1-2002; operative 7-1-2001. Submitted to OAL for printing only pursuant to [Labor Code sections 517 and 1185](#) (Register 2002, No. 18).
9. Change without regulatory effect amending section and Note filed 1-7-2019 pursuant to [section 100, title 1, California Code of Regulations](#) (Register 2019, No. 2).
10. Amendment of paragraphs 4.(E)-4.(E)(2) filed 7-15-2019; operative 7-15-2019. Submitted to OAL for filing and printing only pursuant to [Labor Code section 1182.13\(d\)](#) (Register 2019, No. 29).

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