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DRAFT CONVENTIONS.

No. Title.

Description.

- 1. Age of children in agriculture.
- Prohibits the employment in agriculture of children under 14 years during hours fixed for school attendance; employment at other times must not prejudice their attendance at school. Conditional exceptions made in the case of practical vocational instruction. Work in technical schools also excepted under certain conditions.
- 2. Rights of association and combination of agricultural workers.
- Secures to workers engaged in agriculture the same rights of association and combination as are enjoyed by industrial workers.
- 3. Workmen's Compensation in Agriculture.
- Extends to agricultural wage-earners the national laws and regulations which provide for the compensation of workers for personal injury by accident arising out of or in the course of their employment.
- 4. Use of white Lead in painting.
- Prohibits after 20th November, 1927, with certain exceptions, the use of white lead and sulphate of lead and of all products containing these pigments in the internal painting of buildings; also the employment of males under eighteen years of age and all females in any painting work of an industrial character involving the use of these substances; regulates, as from 1st January. 1924 at the latest, the use of these pigments, &c.; and provides that statistics with regard to lead poisoning among working painters shall be kept.
- Weekly Rest day in industrial undertakings.
- Subject to certain total or partial exceptions, secures to workers in industrial undertakings a period of rest comprising at least twenty-four consecutive hours in every period of seven days.

No. Title.

Description.

6. Minimum age for employment as trimmers and stokers.

Prohibits, with certain exceptions, the employment of any person under the age of 18 years as trimmer or stoker.

7. Compulsory medical examination of children and young persons employed at sea.

Makes compulsory, except in urgent cases, the medical examination of all children and young persons under eighteen years of age employed on ship, such medical examination to be repeated at least once a year.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Prevention of Unemployment in Agriculture. Members of the International Labour Organisation to consider certain measures for the prevention of or providing against unemployment amongst Agricultural workers.

2. Protection before and after childbirth of women wage-earners in Agriculture.

Members to take measures to ensure to women Agricultural wage-earners protection similar to that provided by the Washington Maternity Convention.

3. Night work of women in Agriculture.

Members to take steps to regulate the employment of women wage-earners in Agriculture during the night in such a way as to ensure to them a period of rest compatible with their physical necessities and consisting of not less than nine hours which shall, when possible, be consecutive.

4. Night work of children and young persons in Agriculture. Members to take steps to regulate the employment in Agriculture during the night of children and young persons, in such a way as to ensure to them a period of rest compatible with their physical necessities, consisting of not less than ten consecutive hours in the case of children under 14 and not less than nine consecutive hours for young persons between 14 and 18 years of age.

No. Title.

Description.

- 5. Development of Technical Agricultural Education.
- Members to endeavour to develop vocational agricultural education and in particular to make such education available to agricultural wage-earners on the same conditions as to other persons engaged in agriculture.
- 6. Living-in conditions of Agricultural Workers.
- Members to take statutory or other measures to regulate the living-in conditions of agricultural workers.
- 7. Social Insurance in Agriculture.
- Members to extend their laws and regulations establishing systems of insurance against sickness, invalidity, old age "and other similar social risks" to agricultural wage-earners on conditions equivalent to those prevailing in the case of workers in industrial and commercial occupations.
- 8. Weekly rest in commercial establishments.
- Members to take measures to provide that the whole of the staff employed in any commercial establishment should enjoy in every period of seven days a period of at least 24 hours consecutive rest.

1922 CONFERENCE.

RECOMMENDATION.

- 1. Statistical and other information concerning migration, &c.
- All available information with regard to measures taken or contemplated in connection with emigration, immigration, &c., to be communicated by Members to International Labour Office, according to certain specified classifications.
- Members to conclude, if possible, agreements with other Members providing for the adoption of a uniform definition of the term "emigrant," the determination of uniform particulars to be entered upon identity papers, and the use of a uniform method of recording statistical information.