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not made dependent upon his continuing in the employ of the employer after the period for which the determination of profits has been made.

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§ 549.2 Disqualifying provisions.

No plan or trust which contains any one of the following provisions shall be deemed to meet the requirements of a bona fide profit-sharing plan or trust under section 7(e)(3)(b) of the Act:

(a) If the share of any individual employee is determined in substance on the basis of attendance, quality or quantity of work, rate of production, or efficiency;

(b) If the amount to be paid periodically by the employer into the fund or trust to be distributed to the employees is a fixed sum;

(c) If periodic payments of minimum amounts to the employees are guaranteed by the employer;

(d) If any individual employee's share, by the terms of the plan or trust, is set at a predetermined fixed sum or is so limited as to provide in effect for the payment of a fixed sum, or is limited to or set at a predetermined specified rate per hour or other unit of work or worktime;

(e) If the employer's contributions or allocations to the fund or trust to be distributed to the employees are based on factors other than profits such as hours of work, production, efficiency, sales or savings in cost.

§ 549.3 Distinction between plan and trust.

As used in this part:

(a) *Profit-sharing plan* means any such program or arrangement as qualifies hereunder which provides for the distribution by the employer to his employees of their respective shares of profits;

(b) *Profit-sharing trust* means any such program or arrangement as qualifies under this part which provides for the irrevocable deposit by the employer of his employees' distributive shares of profits with a trustee for deferred distribution to such employees of their respective shares.

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§ 549.4 Petition for amendment of regulations.

Any person wishing a revision of any of the terms of the foregoing regulations in this part may submit in writing to the Administrator a petition setting forth the changes desired and the reasons for proposing them. If, upon inspection of the petition, the Administrator believes that reasonable cause for amendment of the regulations in this part is set forth, the Administrator will either schedule a hearing with due notice to interested parties, or will make other provision for affording interested parties an opportunity to present their views in support of or in opposition to the proposed changes.

PART 550—DEFINING AND DELIMITING THE TERM “TALENT FEES”

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550.1 “Talent fees” as used in section 7(e)(3)(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended.

550.2 Definitions.

550.3 Petition for amendment of regulations.

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§ 550.1 “Talent fees” as used in section 7(e)(3)(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended.

The term *talent fees* in section 7(e)(3)(c) of the Act shall mean extra payments made to performers, including announcers on radio and television programs, where the payment is made:

(a) To an employee having regular duties as a staff performer (including announcers), as an extra payment for services as a performer on a particular commercial program or a particular series of commercial programs (including commercial spot announcements) or for special services as a performer on a particular sustaining program or a particular series of sustaining programs;

(b) In pursuance of an applicable employment agreement or understanding or an applicable collective bargaining agreement in a specific amount agreed upon in advance of the performance of the services or special services for which the extra payment is made: *Provided, however*, That where services described in paragraph (a) of this section