

ARTICLE 36 - MEAL PERIOD

(a) Meal periods will be thirty (30) minutes, except when a longer period is agreed upon between the parties.

(b) Meal periods will be scheduled not earlier than three (3) hours after commencement of work and not later than five and one-half (5 1/2) hours after commencement of work. If an employee is not scheduled for a meal period within the foregoing time span, the meal period will be provided immediately before or after it, and the employee will receive time and one-half his regular hourly rate for the meal time before or after such time span.

In the event that a meal period has not been provided in accordance with the foregoing, the employee is then free, if he so desires to take his meal period and will receive time and one-half his regular hourly rate during such meal period.