



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Washington State Department of Agriculture

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 16-610 WAC, Livestock Brand Inspection

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 16.57.160, RCW 16.57.240, RCW 16.57.350, and 34.05 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The department proposes to amend chapter 16-610 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) to:

- Increase the certificate of permit fee from \$1.00 per book to \$5.00 per book to align with costs associated with printing and distributing the books;
- Abolish the Equine Bill of Sale form;
- Add a requirement that a Bill of Sale must accompany the Certificate of Permit when cattle change ownership via a private treaty transaction;
- Add a requirement that all veterinarians certified to issue livestock inspection certificates must pass a written exam; and
- Modify the language to increase clarity and conform with current industry practices.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

None.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

Negotiated rule making

Pilot rule making

Agency study

Other (describe): Interested parties will be given the opportunity to participate during the public hearing and public comment process.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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