



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 16-54 WAC, Animal importation

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 16.36.040 and chapter 34.05 RCW

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

The department is considering amending chapter 16-54 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) to:

- Add Timed Events to definitions to be consistent with chapter 16-86 WAC;
- Remove the requirement that owners of swine must sign the certificate of veterinary inspection for Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus origination or effected premises;
- Modify the exemption to import test requirements for dogs, cats and ferrets to allow traveling into Washington by means other than private conveyance;
- Reference the statutory authority for wild and exotic animals; and
- Modify 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: We will discuss the proposed changes with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Health who have regulations in place that apply to some of the proposed changes.

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

Negotiated rule making

Pilot rule making

Agency study

Other (describe): Department staff will discuss any proposed amendments with affected stakeholders. Affected stakeholders will also have an opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules during the public comment period and will be able to present oral testimony at the public hearing.

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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