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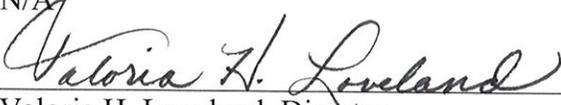
INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

Number AO-07-0001

Re: Policy Interpretation of RCW 16.65  
The Washington State Department of Agriculture Does Not  
Requires a Public Hearing When a Livestock  
Market Requests an Additional Sales Day

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In accordance with RCW 16.65, when a public livestock market applies for an original license to operate a livestock market, there are application requirements and the applicant must provide information including the weekly or monthly sales days on which the applicant proposes to operate sales and class of livestock that will be sold on those days. Once the application requirements are met, the Director of the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) must conduct a public hearing in the matter as provided by RCW 34.05. (Reference RCW 16.65.030)

When an existing livestock market, licensed by WSDA, applies for an additional sale or sales days for horses and/or mules and provides to the Department the day(s) and type of livestock that will be sold on those day(s), the Director of WSDA has the discretion to grant approval to the applicant for the sale day(s) without a public hearing under RCW 34.05. (Reference RCW 16.65.424)