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CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

(RCW 34.05.325 Public participation—Concise explanatory statement)

Repeal of the Tulip, Iris, and Narcissus Bulbs Marketing Order and Termination of the Washington Bulb Commission

Reasons for Repealing the Rule:

Three commercial bulb producers remain in Washington State. Therefore, the Commission no longer meets the requirements of chapter 15.66 RCW, Washington State Agricultural Commodity Commissions, particularly RCW 15.66.110(1), which requires the Commission to be composed of not less than five members. This rulemaking order repeals chapter 16-524 WAC – Tulip, Iris, and Narcissus Bulbs and terminates the Washington Bulb Commission.

Summary of the Public Comment Process:

RCW 34.05.325(1) requires the department to accept written comments on the proposed amendments to chapter 16-524 WAC if they are received no later than the time and date specified in the department's notice of proposed rule-making (CR-102). The public comment period for the proposed amendments ran from May 18, 2016 through June 23, 2016.

RCW 34.05.325(2) requires the department to provide interested parties an opportunity to present oral comments on the proposed amendments to chapter 16-524 WAC in a rule-making hearing. The department held a public hearing on June 23, 2016 in Olympia.

Summary of Comments Received From Stakeholders:

No comments were received.