PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Agency: Department of Agriculture

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 16-302-410 Standards for sod quality seed.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 15.49.310, RCW 15.49.370(3); and Chapter 34.05 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: This proposal will modify the grass seed sod contaminate list to include all species of the genus Vulpia, rather than just a single species. This is necessary to ensure that seed labeled as Washington Sod Quality is free of these objectionable plants. This will allow the turf seed producers of this state to market seed that has been tested and found free of other grass species that are detrimental in sod production.

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) WSDA staff will develop the specific rule proposal. In turn, seed industry representatives and the advisory committee will review and comment on the proposed rule amendments. Interested parties can participate in the public hearing/public comment process, the dates of which will be announced when the department files the rule proposal with the Code Reviser.

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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