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May 28, 2015

To: Kirk Robinson, Acting Deputy Director
Washington State Department of Agriculture

From: Teresa Norman, Hearing Officer *Teresa Norman*

Re: Public hearing on proposed changes to chapters 16-406 WAC, Washington Standards for Apricots

May 26, 2015
Wenatchee, WA

May 27, 2015
Yakima, WA

Background

Rules establishing standards Washington grown apricots were initially codified in 1958. They have been amended four times since, with the last revision adopted in 2005. This rule update removes the outdated question and answer format; removes the definitions of “small” and “large” from the standards and adds definitions to provide clarity in the rule; and updates other information throughout the standard that is out of date and does not meet current industry practices.

The CR-102 announcing the proposal to amend this WAC chapter was filed with the Code Reviser on April 20, 2015 and sent to interested parties shortly after filing.

The public comment period ran from April 20th until the close of business on May 27, 2015.

Hearing Process

Two hearings were held: one in Wenatchee and one in Yakima. Chuck Dragoo gave the technical presentations. There was no public attendance and no public comments were received.