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Technical Hearing Report

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The Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Program (F&V Program) is proposing to amend Chapter 16-450 WAC, Controlled Atmosphere Storage for fruit and vegetables. The F&V Program is a user fee program that provides services as requested by our customers.

Chapter 16-450 WAC, Controlled Atmosphere Storage for fruit and vegetables, which is currently not being used very often but is still a valid regulation within the State of Washington, was reviewed, and the following changes, consolidations or clarifications were made;

- The definition section- we added more clarification and other definitions to provide more clarity in this section
- Consolidated the information within sections; 022, 024, 026, 032, 040, 046, 048, 050 and 070 with other sections to provide more clarity and create a more user friendly version of this chapter.
- Re-named all of the sections within this chapter from a question format to a plain talk format so it can be easier to follow and understand.
- In section 16-450-028, removed number (4) which restricted the placement of Standard and Red Delicious varieties of apples from going into CA storage on or after December 15th of the current growing season and qualify to be certified as CA storage fruit.

The Director will make his decision on adopting these rules on May 6th. If he approves the rules, they will take effect 31 days thereafter on June 5th.