



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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Agency: Department of Agriculture

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 15-06-002 ; or	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Notice
<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Notice to WSR _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1).	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuance of WSR _____

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject) Chapter 16-406 WAC, Washington Standards for Apricots. The purpose of this chapter is to provide the grade, size and marking requirements for the packing of fresh apricots.

Hearing location(s):

Department of Agriculture
270 9th Street NE, Suite 101-A
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Department of Agriculture
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21 N 1st Ave
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Date: 5/26/2015 Time: 11AM

Date: 5/27/2015 Time: 11AM

Submit written comments to:

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The Agency Receptionist by 5/5/2015

TTY (800) 833-6388 or (711)

Date of intended adoption: June 9, 2015

(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: Rules on this subject will be amended to clean up the current standards and to rewrite in plain talk for easier interpretation of the standards. There are no significant changes being proposed to this chapter and it will not affect the fruit industry's current practices.

Reasons supporting proposal: Amending the rule will provide clear explicit language written in plain talk which clearly defines the Washington Standards for Apricots

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 15.17.030, 050, 060,
Chapter 34.05 RCW

Statute being implemented: Chapter 15.17 RCW

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, CITATION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

None

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Department of Agriculture

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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW or has a school district fiscal impact statement been prepared under section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 2012?

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement or school district fiscal impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

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e-mail _____

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

The proposed amendments make no significant changes to the rules and will not affect the fruit industry's current practices.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

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No: Please explain: The Washington State Department of Agriculture is not a listed agency under RCW 34.05.328(5)(a)(i).