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King County custom slaughter facility loses license, fined \$6,000

OLYMPIA – The [Washington State Department of Agriculture](http://www.wa.gov/agriculture) (WSDA) has revoked the license of the custom slaughter establishment of Rickson Vilog (also known as Vilog LLC) after inspections found on-going sanitation problems at the Auburn business. In addition to revoking the company's license, WSDA also assessed a civil penalty of \$6,000.

As a result of WSDA's action, the company cannot slaughter and process animals, including those purchased live on-site. Goats, sheep, swine and cattle are among the livestock slaughtered at the business.

Custom slaughter establishments are typically used by farmers, livestock owners, and practitioners of some religions to have their meat animals processed for personal consumption.

This week's enforcement action follows several inspections of Rickson Vilog in which WSDA food safety inspectors found problems with unsanitary conditions, poor employee sanitation practices, and a general failure to protect food products from contamination. During the most recent inspection in October, inspectors noted ongoing failures to meet sanitary meat processing conditions, including lack of refrigeration and improper carcass handling. The firm failed to perform required compliance actions.

WSDA's [Food Safety & Consumer Services Division](#) works with licensed custom meat businesses to guide them in correcting violations of state food production and handling requirements. When education efforts fail to improve conditions, WSDA has the authority to suspend or revoke licenses and assess civil penalties.

In this case, Rickson Vilog failed multiple inspections. The continued violations of food safety standards led to the decision to revoke the firm's license.

The company was notified of the license revocation on Nov. 5. The company has 10 days to appeal and request reconsideration of the revocation.

Rickson Vilog is located at 28004 - 55th Ave. South, Auburn.

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