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TO: Washington State Apples Shippers

FROM: Jim Quigley, Program Manager, Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Program

**SUBJECT: "CHANGE" to the Certificate of Compliance Document**

As we approach the 2010-2011 apple shipping season, in an effort to provide the apple industry with increased accuracy in shipping reports, we have added a new drop down menu item to the Certificate of Compliance (COC) that will capture crop year data for all apples being shipped. This will allow your industry associations to accurately report crop size and movement without commingling crop years when shipping late summer and early fall shipments of apples.

Crop year is a required field, but will not appear on your printed COC. The drop down choices will be:

- 2009 (for old crop)
- 2010 (for new crop)

Crop Year	Organic	Storage	State Lot	Commodity	Variety	Container Type	Content No.   Lbs	No. Shipped	Grade	Order No.	Pre-COC
▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼			▼		No ▼

These choices will automatically update on August 1 of each year so that the choices are always the current year and the prior year. This becomes effective on **August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**.

As a reminder, a COC attesting that each shipment is in full compliance with WAC 16-461 and RCW 15.17 must accompany all shipments of apples, pears, apricots, cherries, peaches, prunes and asparagus. **It is equally important to note that the COC is only as accurate as the data that is input into the document.**

Your attention to the above is very much appreciated, if you have any questions or need further clarification you can call or email me at (360) 902-1833, [jquigley@agr.wa.gov](mailto:jquigley@agr.wa.gov)

Thank you.