



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department Of Agriculture

Subject of possible rule making:

Chapter 16-461 WAC, Inspection requirements for fruits and vegetables. The purpose of this chapter is to establish standards for the inspection of fruits and vegetables and provide definitions for a commercial lot, fruit and produce stands, zone of production, certificate of compliance requirements and/or shipping permits requirements.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 15.17.030, Enforcement – Director’s duties – Rules; RCW 15.17.050, Rules – Authority of director; RCW 15.17.060, Adoption of standards; Chapter 34.05 RCW, Administrative Procedure Act.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The department is considering amending sections of this chapter and adding new sections to promote clarity regarding exemptions, shipping permits, certificates of compliance, compliance agreements, and penalties for violations.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

None.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other: WSDA staff will develop the rule proposal and will communicate with stakeholders and other interested parties for their review and comment. Interested parties can also participate in the public hearing/public comment process.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

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