



# EXPEDITED RULE MAKING

**CR-105 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.353)  
**EXPEDITED RULE MAKING ONLY**

**Agency:** Department of Agriculture

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** (Describe Subject) Chapter 16-409 WAC Washington Standards for Asparagus

### NOTICE

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**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:**

The purpose of the request for the changes to Chapter 16-409 WAC Washington Standards for Asparagus is to correct an error in the standards from a previous update. The error occurred in section 16-409-020 which indicates that Washington Fancy asparagus be "Free from Damage caused by spreading or broken tips, dirt, disease, insects or mechanical or other means." The correct scoring guide should be "Free from Serious Damage caused by spreading or broken tips, dirt, disease, insects or mechanical or other means." WSDA inspection service has been applying the correct scoring guide while inspecting asparagus. Also, in section 16-409-026 the references to the United States standards for asparagus were omitted. The correction in this section will include the reference for US No.1 as 7 CFR 51.3720 and US NO.2 as 7 CFR 51.3721

**Reasons supporting proposal:** Current rule contains inaccurate information. Proposed changes will bring the rule in alignment with United States standards for asparagus.

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 15.17.030, RCW 15.17.050 and Chapter 34.05 RCW

**Statute being implemented:** Chapter 15.17 RCW

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

Federal Law?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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:  
7 CFR 51.3720 and 3721

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

**None.**