

**WAC 16-305-030 Definitions.** "Applicant" means a person who submits an application for a license to participate in the industrial hemp research program as required under this chapter.

"Approved seed" means a variety of industrial hemp seed that is approved by the department for growing industrial hemp.

"Authorized representative" means any person identified in writing by a licensee who may act as agent on behalf of the licensee for purposes of the license subject to any limitations stated in writing by the licensee. The licensee remains responsible for compliance with the license requirements irrespective of the acts or omissions of an authorized representative.

"Certified seed" means an industrial hemp seed variety that has been bred to comprise satisfactory genetic purity and varietal identity and has been accepted by Association of Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA), Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) or other certifying entity as determined by the department.

"Civil penalty" under this chapter means a monetary penalty imposed by the department for violations of the industrial hemp laws, chapters 15.120 RCW and 16-305 WAC, and applicable sections of chapters 16-302 and 16-303 WAC.

"Contiguous land area" means a specific field with designated boundaries that is planted with industrial hemp. Separate parcels connected only by thin or narrow plantings of industrial hemp or separated by physical barriers such as ditches or roads are not considered contiguous for the purposes of this rule.

"Continuous licensing" means annual licenses renewed in such a way that the licensee is continuously operating under a valid license.

"DEA" means the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

"Department" means the Washington state department of agriculture.

"Destroyed" means incinerated, tilled under the soil, made into compost, or another manner approved by the department.

"Devitalization" means the process of sterilizing viable industrial hemp seed in such a way that the seed is unable to grow into new plants. Devitalization may happen through steam sterilization, dehulling, pressing, or another method approved by the department. If using steam sterilization, the seeds must be steamed to one hundred eighty degrees Fahrenheit for at least fifteen minutes.

"End use product" means a product that contains publicly marketable hemp product and requires no further processing to be sold to a consumer. End use products include animal bedding, animal feed, beverages, biofuel, bioplastics, clothing, compost, construction materials, cosmetics, food, grain and grain products, insulation, seed oil, soil amendments and other products containing publicly marketable hemp products. End use products are subject to the limitations on the uses of industrial hemp under RCW 15.120.020.

"Field" means a contiguous land area, registered with the department, on which a licensee plans to grow industrial hemp.

"Grain" means any devitalized industrial hemp seeds that are not intended for replanting, but will be used for food, feed, fiber, oil or other products.

"Industrial hemp" means all parts and varieties of the genera *Cannabis*, cultivated or possessed by a grower, whether growing or not, containing a THC concentration of 0.3 percent or less by dry weight. Industrial hemp does not include plants of the genera *Cannabis* that meet the definition of "marijuana" as defined in RCW 69.50.101.

"Industrial hemp research program" means the department's "agricultural pilot program" established under chapter 15.120 RCW, this chapter, and the industrial hemp seed rules under chapters 16-302 and 16-303 WAC.

"Leadership position" means any board member, manager, or leader in a business or organization who will provide oversight and monitoring of subordinates.

"Licensee" means any person who holds a license from the department to grow, produce, possess, process, or exchange or sell industrial hemp. A licensee may be a person who is authorized to carry out department supervised research on the feasibility and desirability of industrial hemp production in Washington state.

"Notice of correction" means a document issued by the department to a licensee, consistent with RCW 43.05.100, that describes a condition or conduct that is not in compliance with chapter 15.120 RCW or the rules adopted thereunder and is not subject to civil penalties as provided for in RCW 43.05.110. A notice of correction is not a formal enforcement action, is not subject to appeal and is a public record. Violations of THC content are not subject to a notice of correction and will result in a notice of intent.

"Notice of intent" means a document issued by the department to an alleged violator that identifies specific violations of chapter 15.120 RCW or the rules adopted thereunder. A notice of intent states any proposed civil penalty or any intent to suspend, deny or revoke the alleged violator's industrial hemp license.

"Processing area" means any area, building, plant or facility registered with and approved by the department in which a licensee will make industrial hemp into a marketable product. For the purposes of this definition, a person's domicile, home or residence is not considered a processing area.

"Publicly marketable hemp product" means industrial hemp that has been processed in compliance with department regulations, or under an equivalent regulatory program recognized by the department, for which a processor or marketer license is not required. Publicly marketable hemp products include bare stalks that have been pressed or decorticated, bast fiber, hurd fiber, nonviable roots, nonviable seeds, seed oils and seed coats separated from the seed, and hemp plant extracts. Under RCW 15.120.020, only industrial hemp seed may be processed as "food, extract, oil, cake, concentrate, resin, or other preparation for topical use, oral consumption, or inhalation by humans."

"Registered land area" means a contiguous land area, including greenhouses, processing areas and storage areas registered with the department as a condition of licensing, on which a licensee will conduct licensed activities. A registered land area may include more than one field, greenhouse, processing area or storage area so long as those fields, greenhouses, processing areas or storage areas are at the same physical address.

"Report" means any data, statistics or information required to be provided to the department by a licensee under an industrial hemp license.

"Seed distributor" means any person licensed by the department to distribute or sell viable industrial hemp seed.

"Storage area" means any area, building, plant or facility registered with the department in which a licensee plans to store industrial hemp.

"THC concentration" means the percent of total tetrahydrocannabinol, which is the combined percent of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid in any part of the genera *Cannabis*.

"Unprocessed industrial hemp" means any raw, unprocessed part of the industrial hemp plant, including viable seed, that has been harvested but has not been sufficiently processed to be transferred to an unlicensed person. Unprocessed industrial hemp includes industrial hemp that is green, dried, baled or pelletized, that is in the form of living hemp plants, viable seed, leaf materials, floral materials, and raw stalks.

"Violation" means any act or omission prohibited under chapter 15.120 RCW or the rules adopted thereunder.

"Volunteer plant" means an industrial hemp plant that results from a previous crop.

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