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DATE: July 29, 2008

TO: Office of the Code Reviser

FROM: Robert W. Gore, Acting Director
Washington State Department of Agriculture 

RE: Suspension of Marketing Order Rules Pertaining to Assessments for the Washington State Fryer Commission – July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008

The Chairman of the Washington Fryer Commission (WFC), in a letter dated July 22, 2008, requested a suspension of the marketing order rules pertaining to the collection of assessments upon all fryers, roasters and broilers under the age of six months as described in WAC 16-512-040 (1) and (2). I have reviewed the Chairman's request, as well as the minutes of the WFC Board Meeting of July 16, 2008, where the proposed suspension was discussed and voted on by the WFC. Based on this documentation, I have decided to approve the requested suspension.

RCW 15.66.093, in pertinent part, allows the Director of the Department of Agriculture "upon the request of a commodity commission and without compliance with RCW 15.66.070 through 15.66.090, [to] suspend the commission's order or term or provision thereof for a period not to exceed one year, if the director finds that the suspension will tend to effectuate the declared policy of this chapter."

I have determined that suspending the collection of assessments will effectuate a stated policy of RCW 15.66. **I am, therefore, suspending the collection of assessments by the Washington Fryer Commission for a period of six months, effective July 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008. Assessment collections would resume January 1, 2009.**

Even though a public hearing process is not required under RCW 15.66.093, I ask that notice of this action be published in the Washington State Register.

