

FROM: Department of Agriculture
(Name of Agency)

TO: CODE REVISER
LEGISLATIVE BLDG (Southwest Corner, Ground Floor)
Olympia 98501

The enclosed Permanent rules , being order No. 1329
Emergency rules

relating to (Name of rules or description of subject matter)
Perishable Packaged Food Goods and the "Pull Dating" thereof:

(ALTERNATIVE A. Use only for adoption of permanent rules)

pursuant to Notice No. 4380 ① filed with the code reviser
on 11/21/73 ② were regularly adopted as permanent rules of this
(date)
agency at Olympia, Washington on 1/14/74 and are herewith
(place) (date)
filed in the office of the code reviser pursuant to chapter 34.04
RCW. The effective date of such rules shall be 2/14/74 ③

(ALTERNATIVE B. Use only for adoption of emergency rules)

pursuant to its finding that the immediate adoption of
these rules is necessary for the preservation of the public
health, safety, or general welfare and that observance of the
requirements of notice and opportunity to present views on
the proposed action would be contrary to the public interest,
were regularly adopted as emergency rules of this agency at
_____ on _____ and are herewith filed in
(place) (date)
the office of the code reviser pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the requirements of chapter
34.04 RCW and of the Open Public Meetings Act of 1971, chapter
42.30 RCW (1971 ex.s. c 250) have been fulfilled.

Dated this 14th day of January 1974.

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Department of Agriculture
(AGENCY)
Stewart Bledsoe
By Stewart Bledsoe
Director

Title

- ① NOTICE NUMBER AS APPEARS ON THE COPY OF NOTICE RETURNED TO YOU BY REVISER'S OFFICE (IF PROCEEDINGS WERE CONTINUED, USE NO. OF LAST NOTICE)
- ② STAMPED DATE AS APPEARS ON THE COPY OF NOTICE RETURNED TO YOU BY REVISER'S OFFICE (IF PROCEEDINGS WERE CONTINUED, USE DATE OF LAST NOTICE)
- ③ UNLESS A LATER DATE IS SPECIFIED IN THIS ORDER OR IS PRESCRIBED IN ANOTHER STATUTE, RULES ARE EFFECTIVE 30 DAYS AFTER FILING: RCW 34.04.040. LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK EXCEPT IN SUCH SPECIAL CASES.

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OLYMPIA

ORDER NO. 1329
Effective February 14, 1974

NEW WAC 16-142-001 PROMULGATION. (This promulgation relates to Order No. 1329, WAC 16-142-001 through WAC 16-142-060).

I, Stewart Bledsoe, director of Agriculture of the state of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in Chapter 69.04 R.C.W., after due notice as provided in Chapter 34.04 R.C.W. and a public hearing held in Seattle, Washington on December 14th, 1973 at 1:30 p.m. in the Auditorium, Seattle City Light Building, 1015 - 3rd Avenue, do hereby promulgate the following regulations relating to the "Pull Date" of perishable packaged food goods.

NEW WAC 16-142-010 APPLICATION. "Perishable packaged food goods" as described by law under R.C.W. 69.04 shall provide an open "Pull Date" in the manner prescribed herein: The "Pull Date" shall allow the consumer time for normal home consumption or use under the proper care and storage conditions.

NEW WAC 16-142-020 DATE. The date required by this regulation shall be the last date on which the perishable packaged food goods shall be offered for sale in the channel of regular trade. ("Pull Date") provided that:

- A. The packaged perishable foods whose "Pull Date" has expired may be sold if still wholesome and not a danger to health, and
 1. The "Pull Date" has not been removed, altered or changed, and
 2. The perishable package food goods is removed from the regular channel of sale and so identified by placard or other means as to fully inform the purchaser that the "Pull Date" has expired.

NEW WAC 16-142-030 PACKAGE DATING. Perishable packaged food goods subject to this regulation shall be dated in accordance with this section. The date must first show the month and then the day of the month.

The month shall be shown by a minimum of three letters that clearly identify the month such as "Jan." (January), "Feb." (February) and so on through "Dec." (December) or by digits "1" through "12", where "1" signifies January, "2" signifies February and so on through "12" which signifies December. The day of the month must be shown by digits "1" through "31" to show the date within the month specified. If only digits are

used to indicate the month, then the month must be separated from the digits for the date within the month by a space or dash. No letters or digits shall immediately precede or follow the "Pull Date" specified.

NEW

WAC 16-142-040 PLACEMENT OF "PULL DATE". The date required by this regulation must be placed on each package made available to the purchaser. The date shall be presented in a size, manner and style clearly and easily legible to the purchaser at the time of making or accepting a selection for purchase.

NEW

WAC 16-142-050 STORAGE. Storage conditions including temperature requirements shall be the same as those set forth in WAC 248-84-001 and 248-84-010 Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Health Governing Food Service Establishments for perishable foods.

NEW

WAC 16-142-060 EFFECTIVE DATE. The effective date of this order shall be February 14, 1974.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the regulations promulgated.



Stewart Bledsoe
Director of Agriculture
State of Washington

Signed at Olympia, Washington

Date: January 14, 1974