

**WAC 16-610-020 Cattle inspections for brands, electronic official individual identification, or other proof of ownership.** All cattle must be inspected for brands, electronic official individual identification or other proof of ownership:

(1) Before being moved out of Washington state, unless the provisions of WAC 16-610-035(2) apply.

(2) When offered for sale at any public livestock market or special sale approved by the director.

(3) Upon delivery to any cattle processing plant where the United States Department of Agriculture maintains a meat inspection program, unless the cattle:

(a) Originate from a certified feedlot; or

(b) Are accompanied by an inspection certificate issued by the director, a veterinarian certified by the director, a field livestock inspector certified by the director, or an agency in another state or Canadian province authorized by law to issue such a certificate.

(4) Upon entering or reentering any certified feedlot licensed under chapter 16.58 RCW and before commingling with other cattle unless the cattle are accompanied by an inspection certificate issued by the director, or a veterinarian certified by the director, or a field livestock inspector certified by the director, or an agency in another state or Canadian province authorized by law to issue such a certificate.

(5) At any point of private sale, trade, gifting, barter, or any other private action that constitutes a change of ownership. For transactions involving cattle not being moved or transported out of Washington state:

(a) Cattle must be presented for an inspection within fifteen days from the date of the initial transaction and accompanied by a certificate of permit. It shall be the responsibility of the seller to notify the department immediately that a sale has occurred. It shall be the responsibility of the buyer to present the animals for inspection.

(b) Cattle sold for 4-H and FFA youth projects are exempt from the fifteen day inspection requirement and can be inspected, if not prior, when consigned to a terminal show.

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