

WAC 16-160-180 Inspections. (1) By applying for registration on the brand name materials list, the registrant expressly grants to jurisdiction of the state of Washington in all matters related to the registration.

(2) By applying for registration on the brand name materials list, the registrant expressly grants the department or other organic certifying agent or inspection agent approved by the National Organic Program the right to enter the registrant's premises during normal business hours or at other reasonable times to:

(a) Inspect the portion of the premises where the materials, inputs or ingredients are stored, produced, manufactured, packaged or labeled;

(b) Inspect records related to the sales, storage, production, manufacture, packaging or labeling of the material, inputs or ingredients; and

(c) Obtain samples of materials, inputs or ingredients.

(3) Inspections may be conducted as a condition of ongoing compliance, after receiving an initial or a renewal application, notification of a change to an application, upon receipt of a complaint, or as required by the National Organic Program. Inspections may be announced or unannounced.

(4) Registrants who package or distribute a material manufactured by another person or manufacturer or are otherwise not responsible for the processing or production of the final product must annually submit a statement from the manufacturer of the material granting the department access to the manufacturing facility and authorizing inspections. The signed consent must be on a form provided by the department.

(5) Should the registrant or manufacturer refuse to allow inspection of the premises or records or fail to provide samples, the registration on the brand name materials list is canceled as provided under WAC 16-160-220. The department shall deny applications for registration where the registrant refuses to allow the inspection of the premises or records, fails to provide samples as provided in this section, or fails to provide the department with the consent described in subsection (4) of this section.

(6) Inspections must be documented on a form approved by the department. Inspections conducted by an inspection body other than the department will be accepted when a review determines that the inspection document is sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the standards of the National Organic Program.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.86.060, 15.86.130, and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 10-19-018, § 16-160-180, filed 9/8/10, effective 10/9/10.]