

WAC 314-35-065 Forfeiture. (1) In all cases of seizure of any vapor products made subject to forfeiture under this chapter, the board must proceed as provided in RCW 82.24.135.

(2) When vapor products are forfeited under this chapter, the board may:

(a) Retain the property for official use or upon application by any law enforcement agency of this state, another state, or the District of Columbia, or of the United States for the exclusive use of enforcing this chapter or the laws of any other state or the District of Columbia or of the United States; or

(b) Sell the vapor products at public auction to the highest bidder after due advertisement. Before delivering any of the goods to the successful bidder, the department or board must require the purchaser to pay the proper amount of any tax due. The proceeds of the sale must be first applied to the payment of all proper expenses of any investigation leading to the seizure and of the proceedings for forfeiture and sale, including expenses of seizure, maintenance of custody, advertising, and court costs. The balance of the proceeds must be distributed consistent with chapter 70.345 RCW.

(3) The board may return any property seized under the provisions of this chapter when it is shown that there was no intention to violate the provisions of this chapter. When any property is returned under this section, the board may return the property to the parties from whom they were seized if and when such parties have paid the proper amount of tax due under this chapter.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.345 RCW, RCW 82.24.250, 82.32.300, and 2019 c 15 and 2019 c 445. WSR 20-01-074, § 314-35-065, filed 12/11/19, effective 1/1/20.]