

**WAC 16-240-010 Definitions.** "**Business day**" means Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays.

"**AMS, FGIS**" means the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, Federal Grain Inspection Service.

"**Department**" means the Washington state department of agriculture.

"**Federal fiscal year**" means October 1st through September 30th for USDA, AMS, FGIS.

"**Fee**" means any charge made by the department for:

- (1) Inspecting and handling any commodity; or
- (2) Any service related to weighing or storing grains or commodities.

"**Fiscal year**" means July 1st through June 30th for the state of Washington.

"**Metric ton**" means two thousand two hundred four and six-tenths pounds.

"**Minimum operating fund balance**" or "**MOFB**" means six months of grain inspection program operating expenses to ensure stable service delivery, meet future needs, and protect against financial instability. The factors that the department considers when setting the annual MOFB under WAC 16-240-043 include the projected program staff salary and benefits; costs of the program's goods and services, including transportation; costs associated with the department's administrative support of the program; and any additional costs associated with program oversight by USDA/FGIS.

"**Official commercial inspection services**" means a contractual agreement between the applicant and the department for services specified by the applicant that will be provided at an applicant's facility.

"**Revenue minimum**" means the amount of revenue that must be collected by the department to offset expenses. In order to act as an official inspection agency under the United States Grain Standards Act and the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, the program must collect revenue to offset expenses. The grain inspection program is supported entirely by the fees it generates from the services it provides as required by RCW 22.09.790. The circumstances under which charges occur to collect the revenue minimum are stated in WAC 16-240-038.

"**Service point**" means the Washington state department of agriculture offices and surrounding service areas authorized by the Federal Grain Inspection Service to provide sampling, inspecting, weighing, and certification services.

"**Shift**" means an established period of staffing for up to twelve hours at transloading facilities or up to eight hours at export port or domestic service point locations. Service requests in excess of the established period would require requesting an additional shift. Any work beyond the established shift period constitutes an additional shift.

"**Unstaffed export locations**" means a facility that does not have a permanent staffing request in place for day, night, swing, or graveyard shifts.

"**USDA**" means the United States Department of Agriculture.

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chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 12-21-064, § 16-240-010, filed 10/17/12, effective 11/17/12. Statutory Authority: 2003 1st sp.s. c 25 § 309(2); RCW 22.09.790, chapter 34.05 RCW and The United States Department of Agriculture has oversight of fees charged under the Federal Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration. WSR 05-11-058, § 16-240-010, filed 5/17/05, effective 6/17/05.]