

TRANSMITTAL OF RULES ADOPTED

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. 1217  
Emergency rules

relating to (Name of rules or description of subject matter)

Grades and Standards for Certified Strawberry Plants

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

pursuant to Notice No. 3171 <sup>①</sup> filed with the code reviser  
on 9/16/71 <sup>②</sup> were regularly adopted as permanent rules of this  
(date)  
agency at Olympia, Washington on 10/18/71 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 11/18/71 <sup>③</sup>

(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 eighteenth day of October 1971.

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
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Department of Agriculture  
(AGENCY)  
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By Ivan C. Packard  
Assistant Director  
Title

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VISER'S OFFICE (IF PROCEEDINGS WERE CONTINUED, USE NO. OF LAST NOTICE)
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ER'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.

Chapter 16-329

GRADES AND STANDARDS FOR CERTIFIED STRAWBERRY PLANTS

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OLYMPIA

ORDER NO. 1217

GRADES AND STANDARDS FOR CERTIFIED STRAWBERRY PLANTS  
Effective November 18, 1971

NEW

WAC 16-329-001 PROMULGATION. I, Donald W. Moos, director of agriculture of the state of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me under chapter 15.14 RCW and after due notice as provided under chapters 34.04 and 42.30 RCW and a public hearing held in Olympia, Washington on October 14, 1971, do hereby promulgate the following regulations relating to grades and standards for certified strawberry plants.

NEW

WAC 16-329-010 WASHINGTON NO. 1. Washington No. 1 shall consist of strawberry plants of one variety or plants of similar varietal characteristics which are:

- (1) Fairly fresh.
- (2) Firm.
- (3) Moist.
- (4) Fairly clean.
- (5) Fairly well trimmed runners and petioles.
- (6) Free from damage caused by:
  - (a) Sunburn.
  - (b) Mold.
  - (c) Freezing injury, black roots.
  - (d) Broken or split crown, mechanical injury.
- (7) Free from detectable dangerous pests or diseases.

Strawberry plants in this grade shall have not less than twelve main roots, the length of which shall be not less than three inches, with a minimum crown diameter of one-fourth inch measured at the base of the crown.

NEW

WAC 16-329-015 WASHINGTON NO. 2. Washington No. 2 shall consist of strawberry plants of one variety or plants of similar varietal characteristics which meet all of the requirements of Washington no. 1 except strawberry plants in this grade shall have not less than six main roots, the length of which shall be not less than 2-1/2 inches.

NEW

WAC 16-329-020 TOLERANCES. (1) Application of tolerances. The tolerances for the standards are on a container basis. However, individual packages in any lot may vary from the specified tolerances as stated below, provided the averages for the entire lot, based on sample inspection, are within the tolerances specified.

(2) Tolerances. In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and packing, not more than a combined total of ten percent, by count, of the plants in any lot may fail to meet the requirements of the above grades.

(3) Packing. Strawberry plants are to be packed in such manner that they will retain a fresh condition.

NEW

WAC 16-329-025 DEFINITIONS. "Similar varietal characteristics" means that the plants have the same general character of growth.

(1) "Fairly fresh" means that the roots and petioles are not excessively wilted or otherwise damaged.

(2) "Firm" means that the crowns are not soft or spongy, although they may yield to slight pressure.

(3) "Moist" means that the plants are reasonably turgid and not dried to a degree that would affect normal growth.

(4) "Fairly clean" means that the roots are not matted or caked with dirt.

(5) "Fairly well trimmed runners and petioles" means that the runners and petioles shall be fairly well trimmed when the length of each does not exceed three inches.

(6) Free from damage caused by:

(a) "Sunburn" means that the roots shall not be damaged by sunburn or scald, but slight discoloration will be permitted.

(b) "Mold" means that the plants must be free from excessive mold or decay. Plants slightly affected by mold will be allowed.

(c) "Freezing injury" means that the roots must be of a normal color and only moderately affected by discolored roots which affect the normal growth of the plant. Black roots caused by disease shall not be permitted.

(d) "Broken or split crowns, mechanical injury" means the breaking or severance of the crown from the root section or splitting of the crown or other mechanical injury that would affect the normal growth of the plant.

(7) "Free from detectable dangerous pests or diseases" means that no tolerance will be permitted for dangerous insects such as cyclamen mite, crown borer, or other destructive insect or detectable diseases that affect the strawberry plant.

NEW WAC 16-329-030 EFFECTIVE DATE. This order shall take effect on and after November 18, 1971.

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



IVAN C. PACKARD

Assistant Director of Agriculture  
State of Washington

Signed at Olympia, Washington

Date: October 18, 1971