

FROM: Department of Agriculture  
(Name of Agency)

TO: CODE REVISER  
LEGISLATIVE BLDG (Southwest Corner, Ground Floor)  
Olympia 98501

The enclosed  Permanent rules  Emergency rules, being order No. 1349

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

Regulations relating to Fat Standards for Ground Beef, Hamburger, Lean Ground Beef, Extra Lean Ground Beef and the Labeling, Advertising and Sale of Named Ground Beef.

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

pursuant to Notice No. 4573 <sup>①</sup> filed with the code reviser on 3/26/74 <sup>②</sup> were regularly adopted as permanent rules of this agency at Olympia, Washington on 5/17/74 and are herewith filed in the office of the code reviser pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW. The effective date of such rules shall be 6/17/74 <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 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 17th day of May 1974.

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Deputy Director  
Title

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OLYMPIA

ORDER NO. 1349  
Effective June 17, 1974

REGULATIONS RELATING TO FAT STANDARDS FOR GROUND  
BEEF, HAMBURGER, LEAN GROUND BEEF, EXTRA LEAN GROUND  
BEEF, AND LABELING, ADVERTISING AND SALE OF NAMED  
GROUND MEAT

NEW WAC 16-49-001 PROMULGATION. This promulgation relates to Order No. 1349, WAC 16-49-001 through WAC 16-49-040.

I, Stewart Bledsoe, director of Agriculture of the state of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me under Chapter 69.04 R.C.W. and Chapter 16.49A R.C.W., after due notice as provided under Chapter 34.04 R.C.W. and a public hearing held in Olympia, Washington on April 17, 1974 at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room of the General Administration Building do hereby promulgate the following regulations relating to fat standards for ground beef, hamburger, lean ground beef, extra lean ground beef, and Labeling Advertising and Sale of Named Ground Meat.

NEW WAC 16-49-010 STANDARDS. GROUND BEEF AND HAMBURGER. The standards for chopped beef, ground beef and hamburger are those standards established by the United States Secretary of Agriculture in 9CFR, 319.15 (a) and (b) and adopted by the Washington State Legislature in section 1, Chapter 108, Laws of 1971, 1st extraordinary session (R.C.W. 16.49A560) as follows:

- A. Chopped beef, ground beef:  
"Chopped Beef" or "Ground Beef" shall consist of chopped fresh and/or frozen beef with or without seasoning and without the addition of beef fat as such, shall not contain more than 30 percent fat, and shall not contain added water, binders, or extenders. When beef cheek meat (trimmed beef cheeks) is used in the preparation of chopped or ground beef, the amount of such cheek meat shall be limited to 25 percent; and if in excess of natural proportions, its presence shall be declared on the label, in the ingredient statement required by paragraph 317.2 of this subchapter, if any, and otherwise contiguous to the name of the product.
- B. Hamburger:  
"Hamburger" shall consist of chopped fresh and/or frozen beef with or without the addition of beef fat as such and/or seasoning, shall not contain more than 30 percent fat, and shall not contain added water, binders, or extenders. Beef cheek meat (trimmed beef cheeks) may be used in the preparation of hamburger only in accordance with the conditions prescribed in paragraph (A) of this section.

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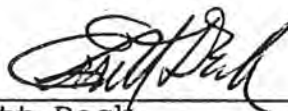
WAC 16-49-020 LEAN GROUND BEEF STANDARDS. "Lean Ground Beef" shall meet all the conditions prescribed in paragraph (A) of WAC 16-49-010 except that it shall not contain more than 23 percent fat.

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WAC 16-49-030 EXTRA LEAN GROUND BEEF STANDARDS. "Extra Lean Ground Beef" shall meet all the conditions prescribed in paragraph (A) of WAC 16-49-010 except that it shall not contain more than 16 percent fat.

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WAC 16-49-040 LABELING, ADVERTISING, AND SALE. No named meat cut may be used in the labeling, advertising or sale of hamburger, chopped beef, ground beef, lean ground beef, or extra lean ground beef unless such named product has been fabricated from the named cut under the direct supervision of the United States Department of Agriculture Federal Meat Inspection Service: Provided, that a retail meat market may custom grind named cuts of beef in the presence of the purchaser for his own use.



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Errett Deck  
Deputy Director of Agriculture  
State of Washington

Signed at Olympia, Washington

Date: May 17, 1974