



**RULE-MAKING ORDER**  
(RCW 34.05.360)

**CR-103** (7/1/89)

Agency: Washington State Department of Agriculture

- Permanent Rule  
 Emergency Rule

(1) Date of adoption: April 5, 1990

(2) Purpose: To increase the assessment rate on potatoes grown in the state from three cents per hundredweight to four cents per hundredweight.

(3) Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed:  
Amended: WAC 16-516-040  
Suspended:

(4) Authority for adoption:

Statute: RCW 15.66.040  
Other Authority:

(5.1) **PERMANENT RULE ONLY**

Pursuant to notice filed as WSR 90-01-074 on December 19, 1989 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

None

(5.2) **EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- (a) That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- (b) That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding:

(5.3) Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

Yes  No If yes, explain:

Producers approved in a referendum in compliance with RCW 15.66.090

(6) Effective date of rule:

**Permanent Rules**

**Emergency Rules**

- 30 days after filing  
 Other (specify) July 1, 1990
- Immediately  
 Later (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*(If less than 30 days after filing, specific finding in 5.3 under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required)

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Director

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 1684, filed 4/28/80, effective 6/1/80)

WAC 16-516-040 ASSESSMENTS AND ASSESSMENT FUNDS. (1) Assessments levied.

(a) On and after the effective date of this order, there is hereby levied and there shall be collected by the commission, as provided in the act, upon all potatoes grown in the state an annual assessment of ((three)) four cents per hundredweight which shall be paid by the producer thereof upon each and every hundredweight of potatoes sold, processed, delivered for sale or processing by him or stored or delivered for storage when such storage or delivery for storage shall be outside the boundaries of this state: PROVIDED, That no assessment shall be collected on the following:

(i) Potatoes grown and sold for seed under an established seed certification program;

(ii) Potatoes sold for livestock feed, regardless of grade;

(iii) Potatoes sold for nonfood products, such as industrial starch;

(iv) Potatoes of a producer's own production used by him on his own premises for seed, feed or personal consumption;

(v) Potatoes donated or shipped for relief or charitable purposes; or

(vi) Sales on a producer's premises by a producer direct to a consumer of five hundred pounds or less of potatoes from a producer's own production.

(b) The commission is authorized to provide by rule and regulation for an assessment discount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the total hundredweight on field run or ungraded potatoes to allow for cull potatoes not used or intended for use for human consumption.

(c) No assessment levied or made collectable by the act under this order shall exceed three percent of the total market value of all such potatoes sold, processed or delivered for sale or processing by all producers of potatoes for the fiscal year to which the assessment applies.

(2) Collection of assessment.

(a) All assessments made and levied pursuant to the provisions of the act under this marketing order shall apply to the respective producer who shall be primarily liable therefore. To collect such assessments, the commission may require:

(i) Stamps to be known as "Washington potato commission stamps" to be purchased from the commission and fixed or attached to the containers, invoices, shipping documents, inspection certificates, releases or receiving receipts or tickets. Any such stamps shall be canceled immediately upon being attached or fixed and the date of such cancellation shall be placed thereon;

(ii) Handlers receiving potatoes from the producer, including warehousemen and processors to collect producer assessments from producers whose production they handle and all moneys so collected shall be paid to the commission on or before the twentieth day of the succeeding month for the previous month's collections. Each handler shall at such times as by rule and regulation required, file with the commission a return under oath on forms to be furnished by the commission, stating the quantity of potatoes handled, processed, delivered and/or shipped during the period prescribed by the commission;

(iii) Payment of producer assessments before the potatoes are shipped off the farm or payments of assessments at different or later times and in such event, any person subject to the assessment shall give such adequate assurance or security for its payments as the commission shall require.

(b) The commission is authorized to make reasonable rules and regulations in accordance and conformity with the act and with this section to effectuate the collection of assessments. On or before the beginning of each marketing season, the commission shall give reasonable notice to all producers, handlers and other affected persons of

the method or methods of collection to be used for that marketing season and of the assessment discount, if any, allowable on field run or ungraded potatoes.

(c) No affected units of potatoes shall be transported, carried, shipped, sold, stored or otherwise handled or disposed of until every due and payable assessment herein provided for has been paid and the receipt issued or stamp canceled, but no liability hereunder shall attach to common carriers in the regular course of their business. When any potatoes for which exemption as provided in subsection (1) of this section is claimed are shipped either by railroad or truck, there shall be plainly noted on the bill of lading, shipping document, container or invoice, the reasons for such exemptions.

(d) Any producer or handler who fails to comply with the provisions of this subsection as herein provided shall be guilty of a violation of this order.

(3) Funds.

(a) Moneys collected by the potato commission pursuant to the act and this marketing order as assessments shall be used by the commission only for the purposes of paying for the costs or expenses arising in connection with carrying out the purposes and provisions of the act and this marketing order.

(b) At the end of each fiscal year the commission shall credit each producer with any amount paid by such producer in excess of three percent of the total market value of all potatoes sold, processed, delivered for sale or processing during that period. Refund may be made only upon satisfactory proof given by the producer in accordance with reasonable rules and regulations prescribed by the director.