

**WAC 16-610-021 Electronic cattle transaction reporting.** (1) Individual private sales, trades, gifting, barter, or any other action that constitutes a change of ownership or movement out of state of cattle are required to obtain inspections under WAC 16-610-020 except when the seller holds an electronic cattle transaction reporting license under chapter 16.57 RCW and reports transactions through that system.

(2) (a) Any person may apply for an electronic cattle transaction reporting license. Applications shall be made on a form provided by the department to include:

(i) First and last name of the applicant.

(ii) Business name, physical address, mailing address, email address, and phone number.

(b) The license expires annually on June 30th.

(3) The initial license application fee is thirty-three dollars. The annual renewal fee is thirty-three dollars.

(4) The director may deny, suspend, or revoke an electronic cattle transaction reporting license for failure to comply with any condition of licensure under this section or any requirement of this chapter or chapter 16.57 RCW.

(5) All holders of an electronic cattle transaction reporting license must transmit to the department a record of each transaction containing the unique identification of each individual animal included in the transaction as assigned through a department-authorized identification method. All transactions reported to the department through the electronic cattle transaction reporting system must be reported within twenty-four hours of the transaction and include the following information:

(a) Buyer's first and last name, email address, phone number, mailing address, and physical address of destination;

(b) Number of cattle sold;

(c) Electronic official individual identification tag number of each head of cattle sold;

(d) Type and sex of each head of cattle sold;

(e) Breed and color of each head of cattle sold; and

(f) Date the transaction occurred.

(6) The following information is required for cattle that are branded in addition to the requirements in subsection (4) of this section:

(a) Design and location of the brand(s) on each head of cattle sold; and

(b) Washington brand number if the brand is recorded to the seller.

(i) If the brand is not recorded in Washington to the seller, the seller must provide proof of ownership under WAC 16-610-018.

(ii) A fee of one dollar and thirty cents per head will be assessed for electronically reported transactions, along with any other applicable fees including, but not limited to, the fees listed in subsection (7) of this section. The fees are due and collected at the time of reporting through the electronic cattle transaction reporting system.

(7) Exemptions from mandatory inspections do not exempt cattle owners or sellers from paying beef promotion fees owed to the Washington state beef commission under chapter 16.67 RCW or the animal disease traceability fee owed to the department under chapter 16.36 RCW.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 16.57.025, [16.57.]350, [16.57.]450(8), 16.58.030, 16.65.020, and [16.65.]350. WSR 19-20-022, § 16-610-021, filed 9/23/19, effective 10/24/19.]