

**WAC 16-165-120 Food establishments—Definitions.** (1) Definitions for terms used in this chapter may be found in chapters 69.07, 69.10, and 15.130 RCW, and Title 21 C.F.R. as adopted, unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

(2) For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Adequate" means that which is needed to accomplish the intended purpose in keeping with good public health practice.

(b) "Critical violation" means a violation of the inspection criteria that is a direct violation of RCW 15.130.200 with respect to adulterated food or a violation that results in food adulteration that could cause injury or illness in consumers, or that has the potential to contribute to conditions resulting in such adulteration.

(c) "Department" means the department of agriculture of the state of Washington (WSDA).

(d) "Director" means the director of agriculture.

(e) "Establishment or food establishment" means any premise, plant, building, room, area, or facility which processes, prepares, handles or stores food or food products for sale in intrastate commerce including food processors, food storage warehouses, custom slaughter operations, refrigerated lockers, and dairy manufacturing plants.

(f) "Licensing criteria violation" means any violation of the inspection criteria required to be in compliance prior to the issuance of a food processor's license under chapter 69.07 RCW.

(g) "Sanitize" means to adequately treat food contact surfaces by a process that is effective in destroying vegetative cells of microorganisms of public health significance, and in substantially reducing numbers of other undesirable microorganisms, but without adversely affecting the product or its safety for the consumer.

(h) "Significant violation" means any violation of the inspection criteria not deemed to be a critical violation as defined in WAC 16-165-140(2).

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