

WAC 16-545-040 Assessments and collections. (1) Assessments.

(a) The assessment on all varieties of turfgrass seed subject to this marketing order shall be 0.3 percent (three tenths of one percent) of the net receipts at the first point of sale and shall be deducted by the first purchaser from the price paid to the grower. The assessment shall be remitted to the commission board in accordance with procedures adopted by the commission board.

(b) The assessments shall not be payable on any turfgrass seed used by the affected producer on their premises for feed, seed and personal consumption.

(2) **Collections.** Excess moneys collected by the board under the order during the fiscal year may be carried over and used during the next successive fiscal year. The board may also recommend that excess moneys at the close of a fiscal year be refunded on a pro rata basis to the affected producers from whom the moneys were collected.

(3) **Penalties.** Any due and payable assessment levied in the specified amount as may be determined by the board under the act and the order, is a personal debt of the person assessed or who owes the debt, and it is due and payable to the board when payment is called for by the board. If a person fails to pay the board the full amount of the assessment by the date due, the board may add to the unpaid assessment or sum an amount not exceeding ten percent of the amount to defray the cost of enforcing the collecting the assessment. In the event of failure of the person or persons to pay the full amount due, the board may bring a civil action against the person or persons in a state court of competent jurisdiction for the collection thereof, together with the above specified ten percent thereon, and the action shall be tried and judgment rendered as in any other cause of action for debt due and payable.

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