

WAC 16-545-005 Marketing order for Washington turfgrass seed—

Policy statement. (1) The production of turfgrass seed within this state is in the public interest. It is vital to the continued economic well-being of the citizens of this state and their general welfare that its turfgrass seed be properly promoted by:

(a) Enabling producers of turfgrass seed to help themselves in establishing orderly, fair, sound, efficient, and unhampered grading and standardizing of the turfgrass seed they produce; and

(b) Working towards stabilizing the agricultural industry by sustaining production of turfgrass seed within the state, the nation, and internationally.

(2) It is in the overriding public interest that support for the turfgrass seed industry be clearly expressed, that adequate protection be given to the industry and its activities and operations, and that turfgrass seed be promoted individually and as part of a comprehensive agricultural industry to:

(a) Enhance the reputation and image of Washington state's turfgrass seed.

(b) Protect the public by educating the public in reference to the quality, care, and methods used in the production of Washington state's turfgrass seed.

(c) Support and engage in programs or activities that benefit the planting, production, and harvesting of turfgrass seed produced in Washington state.

(d) Support and engage in programs or activities that benefit the use of turfgrass seed by-products in Washington state.

(3) The director is authorized to implement, administer, and enforce chapter 15.65 RCW through the adoption of this marketing order.

(4) The Washington state turfgrass seed commodity board exists primarily for the benefit of the people of the state of Washington and its economy, and with oversight by the director, the board is authorized to speak on behalf of Washington state government with regard to turfgrass seed under the provisions of this marketing order.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.65.047 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 04-22-073, § 16-545-005, filed 11/1/04, effective 12/2/04.]