



RULE-MAKING ORDER

LR-103 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)

Agency: Department of Agriculture

Permanent Rule
 Emergency Rule

Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

31 days after filing.
 Other (specify) _____ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

Immediately upon filing.
 Later (specify) _____

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

Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: This rule making order adopts an amendment correcting an error of omission in WAC 16-406-015. The department recently adopted rewritten apricot standards (Chapter 16-406 WAC Washington standards for apricots) on May 25, 2005 (WSR #05-12-036). The chapter was rewritten and reformatted so it was easier to understand and use. No requirements were changed. During the rewrite, the following language was inadvertently deleted from Table 1 in WAC 16-406-015: "(2) **Any deformity or injury causing the skin to break** more than 3/8 of an inch in diameter or which seriously affects the apricot's appearance." The purpose of this filing is to permanently add the language that was inadvertently omitted from Table 1. This permanent rule amendment, when it becomes effective, will replace the emergency rule amendment filed by the department on July 27, 2005 (WSR #05-16-034).

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed: None
Amended: WAC 16-406-015
Suspended: None

Statutory authority for adoption: Chapter 15.17 RCW and chapter 34.05 RCW

Other authority :

PERMANENT RULE ONLY (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR #05-16-115 on August 3, 2005.
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- 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.
- 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:

Date adopted: October 4, 2005

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Director

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**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0
Federal rules or standards:	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0
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The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:

	New	0	Amended	1	Repealed	0
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

	New	0	Amended	1	Repealed	0
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The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0
Pilot rule making:	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0
Other alternative rule making:	New	0	Amended	1	Repealed	0

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 05-12-036, filed 5/25/05, effective 6/25/05)

WAC 16-406-015 What is considered "damage" and "serious damage" to apricots? The following tables explain the differences between "damage" and "serious damage" as applied to apricots:

Table 1
"Damage" and "Serious Damage" for All Varieties of Apricots **except** the Riland Variety

Except for the Riland variety, the following are considered damage :	Except for the Riland variety, the following are considered serious damage :
(1) Well-healed growth cracks over 3/8 of an inch in length.	(1) Well-healed growth cracks that are more than 1/2 inch in length.
(2) Punctures over 3/16 of an inch in diameter.	(2) Any deformity or injury causing the skin to break more than 3/8 of an inch in diameter or which seriously affects the apricot's appearance.
(3) Stem pulls over 3/8 of an inch in diameter.	
(4) Smooth shallow limb rubs more than 1/4 of an inch in diameter.	
(5) Russeting affecting more than ten percent of the apricot's surface.	
(6) Bruises exceeding five percent of the apricot's surface.	((2)) (3) Bruises exceeding ten percent of the surface of the apricot.
(7) Hail marks that are:	((3)) (4) Hail marks that are more than:
(a) Not shallow and superficial; or	(a) 3/16 of an inch deep; or
(b) More than 3/8 of an inch in diameter in the aggregate; or	(b) 1/2 of an inch in diameter in the aggregate; or
(c) More than 1/8 inch in diameter when the skin has been broken.	(c) 1/2 inch in diameter when the skin has been broken.

Table 2
"Damage" and "Serious Damage" for the Riland Variety of Apricots

For the Riland variety, the following are considered damage :	For the Riland variety, the following are considered serious damage :
(1) Growth cracks exceeding 3/8 inches in length.	(1) Growth cracks that are not well healed and are more than 1/2 inch in length.
(2) Punctures exceeding 1/4 of an inch in diameter.	
(3) Stem pulls exceeding 1/2 inch in diameter.	
(4) Smooth shallow limb rubs more than 1/4 of an inch in diameter.	

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(5) Russeting affecting more than ten percent of the apricot's surface.	
(6) Bruises exceeding five percent of the apricot's surface.	(2) Bruises exceeding ten percent of the surface of the apricot.
(7) Hail marks that are:	(3) Hail marks that are more than:
(a) Not shallow and superficial; or	(a) 3/16 of an inch deep; or
(b) More than 3/8 of an inch in diameter in the aggregate; or	(b) 1/2 of an inch in diameter in the aggregate; or
(c) More than 1/8 inch in diameter when the skin has been broken.	(c) 1/2 inch in diameter when the skin has been broken.