

State of Washington

Department of Agriculture

(agency name)

Administrative Order No. 1707

(1) I, Bob J. Mickelson, director of Washington State Department of Agriculture

do promulgate and adopt at Olympia, Washington

the annexed rules relating to: Brand inspection and brand identification, amending WAC 16-620-360, and adding new sections: WAC 16-620-205, WAC 16-620-255, and WAC 16-620-275; and repealing sections: WAC 16-620-001, WAC 16-620-002, WAC 16-620-004, WAC 16-620-005, and WAC 16-620-006.

(2) ALTERNATIVE A. Use only for Adoption of Permanent Rules.

This action is taken pursuant to Notice No. WSR 80-05-115 filed with the code reviser on 5/6/80. Such rules shall take effect:

- [x] pursuant to RCW 34.04.040(2).
[] at a later date, such date being

(2) ALTERNATIVE B. Use only for Adoption of Emergency Rules.

I, find that an emergency exists and that the foregoing order is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare and that observance of the requirements of notice and opportunity to present views on the proposed action would be contrary to public interest. A statement of the facts constituting such emergency is:

Such rules are therefore adopted as emergency rules to take effect upon filing with the code reviser.

(3) Pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.04. (1977 c 19 § 2) that "every agency shall incorporate the most specific, but in no case omit all, of the following language alternatives when adopting or amending rules" (fill in statement (a), (b), or (c) as appropriate):

(a) This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW 16.57 and is intended to administratively implement that statute.

(b) This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW which directs that the

(agency)

has authority to implement the provisions of

(name of act or RCW citation)

(c) This rule is promulgated under the general rule-making authority of the

(agency)

as authorized in RCW

(4) The undersigned hereby declares that he has complied with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (chapter 42.30 RCW), the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.04 RCW) or the Higher Education Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 28B.19 RCW), as appropriate, and the State Register Act (chapter 34.08 RCW).

(5) This order after being first recorded in the order register of this agency is herewith transmitted to the Code Reviser for filing pursuant to RCW 34.04 RCW and chapter 1-12 WAC.

STATE OF WASHINGTON FILED

APPROVED AND ADOPTED June 16 19 80

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By Bob J. Mickelson

Director of Agriculture

Title

CODE REVISER'S OFFICE WSR 80-07-034

NEW SECTION

WAC 16-620-205 IDENTIFICATION BY FREEZE BRANDING. The technique of identifying livestock by freeze branding may be used for complying with the requirements of Chapter 16.57 RCW and WAC Chapter 16-620.

NEW SECTION

WAC 16-620-255 BRAND IDENTIFICATION ON HORSES. The neck of horses shall be reserved for individual identification symbols. The prefix symbol will designate breed or state and will be recorded as provided by Chapter 16.57 RCW. A suffix symbol, if used, will designate a country: PROVIDED, That individually identified horses are exempt from brand inspection prior to leaving the state of Washington, as long as they are accompanied by proof of ownership as issued by the registering agency, and the system of identifying such horses is accepted by the National Crime Information Center: PROVIDED FURTHER, That such identification of horses shall be on a voluntary basis only.

NEW SECTION

WAC 16-620-275 MINIMUM FEE. There shall be a minimum fee of \$2.50 for the issuance of any official brand inspection certificate except when such certificate is issued at a public livestock market at a time when the normal brand inspection at that point requires a brand inspector to be present.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 1379, filed 11/6/74)

WAC 16-620-360 CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP. Individually identified horses (~~identified-by-identification-certificates-of-validation of-their-registration-papers-shall-be-subject-to-inspection-at-any-time-there-is-a~~) with approved and registered prefix must be accompanied at change of ownership by proof of such ownership. Persons slaughtering such horses shall retain such proof of ownership for at least one year, or surrender such proof of ownership to the brand inspector.

REPEALER

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed:

- (1) WAC 16-620-001 PROMULGATION.
- (2) WAC 16-620-002 PROMULGATION.
- (3) WAC 16-620-004 PROMULGATION.
- (4) WAC 16-620-005 PROMULGATION.
- (5) WAC 16-620-006 PROMULGATION.



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For the purpose of legislative review of agency rules, the following statement is submitted:

1. Rules pertaining to brand inspection and brand identification by freeze branding.
2. Rules amend change of ownership regulations, and add the technique of freeze branding for identification of livestock.
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4. Proponents:

Washington State cattle industry  
Washington State horse industry  
Department of Agriculture

Opponents: None

5. No agency comments.