



RULE-MAKING ORDER
(RCW 34.05.360)

Am Order #5081

CR-103 (7/23/95)

Agency:
Department of Agriculture

- Permanent Rule**
- Emergency Rule**
- Expedited Repeal**

(1) Date of adoption:
August 23, 1995

(2) Purpose: Under the Washington State Department of Agriculture Procedural Rules, expand who may serve as "Reviewing Officer" and "Presiding Office."

(3) Citation of existing rules affected by this order:
Repealed:
Amended: WAC 16-08-002 and WAC 16-08-021
Suspended:

(4) Statutory authority for adoption: Chapter 34.05 RCW
Other authority:

PERMANENT RULE ONLY
Adopted under notice filed as WSR 95-15-100 on July 19, 1995 (date).
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:
None

EMERGENCY RULE ONLY
Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:
 (a) 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.
 (b) 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:

EXPEDITED REPEAL ONLY
Under Preproposal Statement of Inquiry filed as WSR _____ on _____ (date).

(5.3) Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption of effectiveness of rule?
 Yes No If Yes, explain:

(6) Effective date of rule:
Permanent Rules **Emergency Rules**
 31 days after filing Immediately
 Other (specify) _____ * Later (specify) _____

*(If less than 31 days after filing, specific finding in 5.3 under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required)

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No descriptive text.**

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: None

Federal statute:	New _____	Amended _____	Repealed _____
Federal rules or standards:	New _____	Amended _____	Repealed _____
Recently enacted* state statutes:	New _____	Amended _____	Repealed _____

*(current calendar year)

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity: None

New _____ Amended _____ Repealed _____

The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New _____ Amended 2 Repealed _____

The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New _____ Amended 2 Repealed _____

The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New _____	Amended _____	Repealed _____
Pilot rule making:	New _____	Amended _____	Repealed _____
Other alternative rule making:	New _____	Amended <u>2</u>	Repealed _____

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 91-23-051, filed 11/15/91, effective 12/16/91)

WAC 16-08-002 Definitions. The definitions set forth in this section shall apply throughout this chapter unless the context otherwise requires:

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

(2) "Director" means the director of the department of agriculture.

(3) "Reviewing officer" means the deputy director or administrative regulations analyst of the department of agriculture, who the director hereby designates to exercise all decision making powers to review initial orders, and prepare and enter final orders for the director of agriculture pursuant to RCW 34.05.464(2), or the director of agriculture. The reviewing officer shall mean the director in those cases where the deputy director has acted as the presiding officer.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 93-10-059, filed 4/30/93, effective 5/31/93)

WAC 16-08-021 Presiding officer. (1) The director will designate the presiding officer for an adjudicative proceeding:

(a) In matters involving an adjudicative proceeding, the director may designate as presiding officer an administrative law judge assigned by the office of administrative hearings under the authority of chapter 34.12 RCW, or the deputy director, the assistant director, agency operations division; the assistant director, laboratory services division; or the administrative regulations analyst of the department;

(b) In matters involving an emergency or brief adjudicative proceeding or involving a proceeding pursuant to WAC 16-08-022, the director may designate in writing staff persons to function as the presiding officer.

(2) A person who has served as an investigator, prosecutor, or advocate in any stage of an adjudicative proceeding or someone who is subject to the authority or direction of such a person, may not serve as a presiding officer in the same proceeding.

(3) The presiding officer shall have the authority to:

(a) Determine the order of presentation of evidence;

(b) Administer oaths and affirmations;

(c) Issue subpoenas;

(d) Rule on procedural matters, objections, and motions;

(e) Rule on offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;

(f) Interrogate witnesses called by the parties in an impartial manner to develop any facts deemed necessary to fairly and adequately decide the matter;

(g) Call additional witnesses and request additional exhibits deemed necessary to complete the record and receive such evidence subject to full opportunity for cross-examination and rebuttal by all parties;

(h) Take any appropriate action necessary to maintain order during the hearing;

(i) Permit or require oral argument or briefs and determine the time limits for submission thereof;

(j) Take any other action necessary and authorized by any applicable statute or rule;

(k) Waive any requirement of these rules unless a party shows that it would be prejudiced by such a waiver.