

WSR 24-22-027

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

[Filed October 28, 2024, 7:10 a.m., effective November 28, 2024]

Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: This rule-making order amends chapter 16-103 WAC, Milk processing assessments and collections, by clarifying current rule language by replacing all gender-specific pronouns with modern gender-inclusive pronouns.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 16-103-003.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 15.36.550, 43.01.160.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-17-089 on August 19, 2024.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: October 25, 2024.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 92-20-056, filed 10/2/92, effective 11/2/92)

WAC 16-103-003 Penalties. Any due and payable assessment not paid by the milk plant operator by the (~~twentieth~~) 20th of the succeeding month shall be considered a lien on any property owned by (~~him or her~~) them. All delinquent assessments shall be filed as liens quarterly by the director with the county auditor of any county in which property owned by the milk plant operator is located. All delinquent assessments shall be collected in the manner and with the same priority over other creditors as prescribed for the collection of delinquent taxes under chapters 84.60 and 84.64 RCW.