Chapter 137-80 WAC
INSTITUTIONAL INDUSTRIES

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WAC 137-80-010 Purpose. These rules and regulations are adopted pursuant to and in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW. The purpose is to provide standards and procedures for the operation of the division of institutional industries.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 72.01.090. WSR 07-12-073, § 137-80-020, filed 6/5/07, effective 10/17/07.]

WAC 137-80-020 Definitions. (1) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of corrections or his/her designee.

(2) "Program administrator" means the administrator of the institutional industries program appointed by the secretary.

(3) "Institutional industries board of directors" means the board established by the authority of the Corrections Reform Act of 1981, RCW 72.09.070.

(4) "Free venture industries" means any industry producing goods or services for sale to both the public and private sector which is operated and managed in total or in part by any profit or nonprofit organization pursuant to an agreement between the organization and the department. Inmates shall be paid a wage by the organization of not less than sixty percent of the approximate prevailing wage within the state for the occupation, as determined by the director, or minimum wage, whichever is greater.

(5) "Tax reduction industries" means any state-owned and operated enterprises designed to reduce the cost for services and goods for tax supported agencies and for nonprofit organizations which assist persons who are poor or infirm. Products of these enterprises may be sold to public agencies and to nonprofit organizations which assist persons who are poor or infirm. Inmates shall be paid for their work on a gratuity scale, approved by the director, which shall not exceed the federal minimum wage.

(6) "Institutional support industries" means any industry operated by the department of corrections designed and managed to provide basic work training and experience to the inmate. All able and eligible inmates who are assigned work and who are not working in other classes of industries are included in this class. Inmates shall be paid for their work in accordance with an inmate gratuity scale adopted by the secretary.

(7) "Community work industries" means any industry operated by the department of corrections designed and managed to provide services in the inmate's resident community at a reduced cost. Services shall be provided to public agencies, to persons who are poor or infirm, or to nonprofit organizations which assist the poor or infirm. Inmates shall receive a gratuity from a unit of local government which shall not exceed the minimum wage.

(8) "Community restitution programs" means any program operated by the state, local unit of government, or a nonprofit agency which assists persons who are poor or infirm which is subject to supervision by the department of corrections which enables an offender, placed on probation, to work off all or part of a community service order as ordered by the sentencing court.

(9) "Department" means the department of corrections.

(10) "Institutional industries" means the program within the department of corrections charged with developing and managing comprehensive work programs to provide work skills, work experience and exposure to the work ethic for offenders under the jurisdiction of the department.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 72.01.090. WSR 82-18-042 (Order 82-11), § 137-80-010, filed 8/27/82.]

WAC 137-80-030 Establishment of inmate programs. In order to provide a comprehensive work program the following classes of work programs are adopted:

(1) Class I: Free venture industries;
(2) Class II: Tax reduction industries;
(3) Class III: Institutional support industries;
(4) Class IV: Community work industries; and
(5) Class V: Community service programs.

The above listed classes of work programs are adopted as codified in RCW 72.09.100. The secretary shall set forth department policy for the establishment of each class of work program, regulating, among others, inmates participation and wages, space rental and contracts for inmate employment.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 72.09.050 and chapter 34.04 RCW. WSR 82-18-042 (Order 82-11), § 137-80-020, filed 8/27/82.]

WAC 137-80-040 Sale of goods. (1) The program administrator or his/her designee may sell all articles, materials, and supplies authorized by statute to be produced or manufactured in correctional institutions to any state agency, political subdivision of the state or as otherwise authorized by statute.

(2) The secretary shall require those institutions under his direction to give preference to those articles, materials, and supplies produced or manufactured by institutional industries when purchases are made for institution needs.

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(3) The program administrator may cause to be prepared annually, at such times he may determine, lists containing the descriptions of all articles and supplies manufactured and produced in state correctional institutions; copies of such list shall be sent to the supervisor of purchasing and to all departments, institutions and agencies of the state of Washington.

WAC 137-80-050  Proceeds of sale. Except for any sum recommended by the institutional industries board of directors to be returned to the state general fund, all net profits from institutional industries shall be placed in a special revolving fund (Class II account) and shall be used exclusively, without appropriation, in the expansion and improvement of Class II industries.

WAC 137-80-060  Inmate job opportunities. The program administrator shall cause to be periodically prepared and distributed to a central location in each institution a list of prison industries’ job opportunities. This list shall include, but not limited to, job descriptions and the educational and skill requirements of each job and shall be made available to personnel of the institution, institutional industries and to the inmates.