

WAC 16-218-015 What fees does the department charge for the certification of hops? (1) Based upon standards established by the Federal Grain Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Washington state department of agriculture's (department) fees for the certification of hops are:

Type of Inspection and Other Service	Fee Charged for Inspection and Other Service
(a) Official lot inspections and certification for baled hops.	One dollar and twenty-five cents per bale with a minimum charge of thirty dollars per lot for official inspection and grading with certification.
(b) Official lot inspection and/or certification for alternative methods of packaging hops, or other services for which no fee has been established.	A contract fee may be negotiated, based on the agency's costs to furnish the services.
(c) Submitted sample inspections and certification.	One hundred fifty dollars for an unofficial sample submitted for grading with certification of a quantity not to exceed 100,000 lbs. of dried hops.
(d) Appeal inspections.	The Federal Grain Inspection Service in Portland, Oregon establishes the charges for appeal inspections, and payments for such inspections must be made to them. Department time for sampling, handling and administration regarding appeal inspections will be assessed at the sampler hourly rate.

(2) (a) Before official sampling of baled hops takes place, each and every bale in a lot of hops must be readily accessible so that:

- (i) Each bale can be properly stenciled; and
- (ii) Samples can be drawn from the bales selected by the inspector.

(b) Official samples drawn from baled hops must be brought back to the laboratory by the inspector for grading analysis.

(3) The department may perform official lot inspection and/or certification of hops packaged by alternative methods (e.g., hops not baled prior to processing) subject to conditions specified in a written agreement between the department and the person(s) requesting the service.

(4) (a) Submitted samples provided by a grower or dealer for grading analysis must be representative of the lot(s) and the hop material.

(b) Submitted samples are delivered to the laboratory.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 22.09 and 34.05 RCW, 2003 1st sp.s. c 25 § 309(2). WSR 05-07-150, § 16-218-015, filed 3/23/05, effective 4/23/05.]