

WAC 16-610-100 Identification of custom slaughtered animals.

(1) Any person presenting cattle for slaughter to a licensed custom slaughterer must give the custom slaughterer a completed certificate of permit. The certificate of permit documents the ownership of the animal at the time of slaughter.

(2) Any person licensed as a custom slaughterer must complete and attach a custom slaughter beef tag to each of the four quarters of all slaughtered cattle that are handled. In order to identify the owner of the carcass, these tags must remain attached to the quarters until the carcass is processed and the quarters are cut and wrapped.

(3) Only the department may provide custom slaughter beef tags to custom slaughterers. The fee for each set of four custom slaughter beef tags is one dollar and fifty cents plus the animal disease traceability fee owed to the department under chapter 16.36 RCW.

(4)(a) Custom meat facilities may accept carcasses of cattle slaughtered by the cattle owner only if a certificate of permit, signed by the owner, accompanies the carcass.

(b) Without a certificate of permit signed by the owner, custom meat facilities can only accept carcasses from mobile or fixed location custom farm slaughterers or officially inspected slaughter plants.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 16.57.350 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 15-02-026, § 16-610-100, filed 12/30/14, effective 7/1/15. Statutory Authority: Chapters 16.57, 16.58, 16.65 and 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-14-057, § 16-610-100, filed 6/28/07, effective 7/29/07; WSR 04-01-171, § 16-610-100, filed 12/23/03, effective 1/23/04.]