

WAC 16-610-125 Public livestock market livestock inspection facilities. The director must approve all livestock inspection facilities at public livestock markets. For the director's approval, inspection facilities must:

(1) Include a chute that is constructed according to the following specifications:

(a) Constructed with a solid base on each side of sufficient strength to contain cattle and horses. The base must be at least twenty-four but not more than thirty-six inches in height.

(b) Above the base on each side, the chute must have wire cables extended along its entire length. The cables must be separated by six-inch intervals and must extend vertically to a height of at least six feet.

(c) The cables must be attached every sixteen feet to a vertical post that is alternated with a pipe or stay every eight feet to provide support and to keep the cables tight.

(d) The chute must be well lit by shop, spot, or floodlights. These lights must be located on both sides of the chute at a height of five feet above the highest cable. Beginning at the head of the chute, this lighting must extend along three-fourths of the length of the chute.

(2) Electrical outlets must be available at all chutes so clippers can be conveniently used.

(3) Inspection areas must be well covered by adequate roofing and kept free of any water leaks or water build-up of any kind.

(4) Inspection areas must incorporate a work area for livestock inspectors on each side of the chute. The work area must:

(a) Provide an inspector with at least thirty inches of workspace along the entire length of the chute; and

(b) Be enclosed by fencing or some other permanent structure that protects inspectors while cattle and horses are unloaded and moved along the chute.

(5) Inspection areas must include an office. The office must:

(a) Be constructed according to dimensions of at least eight feet by ten feet;

(b) Contain adequate heating; and

(c) Be equipped with a counter built at a standing work level height and with a width of approximately eighteen inches.

(6) The licensee shall provide sufficient indoor office space as needed in order for the director to process and distribute inspection documents to the buyer.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 16.57, 16.58, 16.65 and 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-14-057, § 16-610-125, filed 6/28/07, effective 7/29/07; WSR 04-01-171, § 16-610-125, filed 12/23/03, effective 1/23/04.]