

**WAC 16-610-120 Public livestock markets—Identification requirements.** (1) Any person licensed to operate a public livestock market is responsible for identifying all cattle and horses consigned to the public livestock market.

(2) Identification must be done under the supervision of the director and may occur either before or at the time the animals are inspected.

(3) Acceptable methods of identification are a USDA-approved numbered back tag placed on each animal or some other method of identification that is approved by USDA. Tags must be placed in numerical order.

(4) The licensee is responsible for moving, confining, and/or restraining livestock as needed to allow for a complete inspection.

(5) The director may exempt certain groups of one-brand or no-brand cattle under the same ownership from the individual identification requirements of this section if the integrity of the inspection process can be maintained.

(6) It is the responsibility of the licensee or consignor to present livestock to the director so an inspection can be performed.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 16.57, 16.58, 16.65 and 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-14-057, § 16-610-120, filed 6/28/07, effective 7/29/07; WSR 04-01-171, § 16-610-120, filed 12/23/03, effective 1/23/04.]