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POLICY STATEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Notice of Interpretive or Policy Statement

Policy Statement CI-21-0001 - Delay in implementation of 200 dollar late fee for applications received outside of the hemp producer application window.

On February 11, 2021, a policy statement regarding a delay in implementation of the two hundred dollar late fee for applications received outside of the hemp producer application window was signed. In 2020, the hemp program worked to finalize and implement new software for an online application system, however unforeseen delays to implementation were experienced. These implementation delays have in turn delayed our application process, preventing prospective applicants and renewal licensees from applying during January and the first days of February. To allow producers sufficient time to apply for their hemp producer's license and work with the new application software, Washington state department of agriculture will consider any application submitted prior to March 31, 2022, as timely. The application late fee in WAC 16-306-140 will then take effect on April 1, 2022.

A copy of the policy statement may be obtained by accessing our website or by contacting Gloriann Robinson, Agency Rules Coordinator, 1111 Washington Street S.E., P.O. Box 42560, Olympia, WA 98504-2560, phone 360-902-1802, email wsdarulescomments@agr.wa.gov.