

WSR 24-22-025

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: This rule-making order amends chapter 16-71 WAC, Equine diseases in Washington state, by clarifying current rule language by replacing all gender-specific pronouns with modern gender-inclusive pronouns.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 16-71-010.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 43.17.060, 42.56.040, 43.01.160.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-17-086 on August 19, 2024.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 10-13-056, filed 6/10/10, effective 7/11/10)

WAC 16-71-010 Definitions. "Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI)" means a legible veterinary health inspection certificate on an official form (electronic or paper) from the state of origin or by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). This certificate must be executed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian or a veterinarian approved by USDA APHIS. The certificate of veterinary inspection is also known as an "official health certificate."

"Department" means the Washington state department of agriculture.

"Director" means the director of the Washington state department of agriculture or (~~his or her~~) their authorized representative.

"Equine" means horses, donkeys, mules, ponies, zebras, and others in the Equidae family.

"Herd plan" means a written management agreement between the animal owner and the state veterinarian, with possible input from a private accredited veterinarian designated by the owner and the United

States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) veterinary services area veterinarian-in-charge, in which each participant agrees to undertake actions specified in the herd plan to control the spread of infectious, contagious, or communicable disease within and from an infected herd and to work toward eradicating the disease in the infected herd.

"Official test" means a laboratory test by USDA-approved laboratories or by people authorized by the state of origin's animal health officials to conduct the tests.

"VS form 1-27" means a United States department of agriculture permit form for the movement of restricted or quarantined livestock.