Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: Chapter 16-529 WAC, Washington alfalfa seed commission.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: This rule making amends the Washington alfalfa seed commission marketing order by removing term limits from board member term[s] of office.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: The changing alfalfa seed industry in Washington and additional state requirements on commission board members make it difficult to seat a board each year. Removing term limits will enable the Washington alfalfa seed commission to retain board members who have served more than two full, consecutive, three-year terms and will provide continuity and the leadership necessary to carry out the purposes of the marketing order.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 15.65.047.
Statute Being Implemented: Chapter 15.65 RCW.
Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.
Name of Proponent: Washington alfalfa seed commission, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting: Megan Finkenbinder, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, 360-902-2043; Implementation and Enforcement: Shane Johnson, 6601 West Deschutes Avenue, Suite C-2, Kennewick, 509-585-5460.

This notice meets the following criteria to use the expedited adoption process for these rules:
Relates only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a person.
Explanation of the Reason the Agency Believes the Expedited Rule-Making Process is Appropriate: Using the expedited rule-making process is appropriate because the subject matter does not rise to the importance of a referendum of affected producers.

NOTICE
THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO Megan Finkenbinder, Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 42560, Olympia, WA 98504-2560, phone 360-902-2043, fax 360-902-2092, email mfinkenbinder@agr.wa.gov, AND RECEIVED BY April 4, 2022.

February 2, 2022
Derek I. Sandison
Director

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WAC 16-529-050 Term of office.  

(1) The term of office for members of the board shall be three years, and one-third of the membership as nearly as possible shall be appointed or elected each year.  

(2) Except for the director's representative, no appointed or elected member of the board may serve more than two full consecutive three-year terms.)

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.65.047 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 05-08-010, § 16-529-050, filed 3/25/05, effective 4/25/05; Order 1, Article II, § D, filed 3/13/75, effective 7/1/75.]