

WSR 24-17-101

EXPEDITED RULES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: Chapter 16-256 WAC, Commercial feed rules—Processed animal waste.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: In response to a petition for rule making, the department of agriculture (department) is proposing to clarify current rule language by replacing all gender-specific pronouns with modern gender-inclusive pronouns.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: RCW 43.01.160 requires state agencies to use gender-neutral terms in rules unless a specification of gender is intended. Replacing gender-specific terminology supports the department's commitment to integrate inclusive policies and procedures as outlined in the department's 22-25 strategic plan.

Gender-inclusive pronouns are pronouns that are not specifically gendered and can be utilized when referring to each other in the third person. They are linguistic tools that we use to refer to people. Using gender-neutral pronouns can help create a more inclusive and welcoming environment and show respect for people's gender identities.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 15.53.9012, 43.01.160.

Statute Being Implemented: Chapter 15.53 RCW.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: Skye Theriot, private.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting, Implementation, and Enforcement: Gloriann Robinson, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA, 360-902-1802.

This notice meets the following criteria to use the expedited adoption process for these rules:

Corrects typographical errors, makes address or name changes, or clarifies language of a rule without changing its effect.

Explanation of the Reason the Agency Believes the Expedited Rule-Making Process is Appropriate: The amendments in this proposal meet the criteria for expedited rule making specified in RCW 34.05.353 (1)(c) by clarifying the rule, without changing its effect, by replacing gender-specific pronouns with gender-inclusive pronouns.

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 Gloriann Robinson, Rules Coordinator, Washington State Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 42560, Olympia, WA 98504-2560, phone 360-902-1802, fax 360-902-2092, email wsdarulescomments@agr.wa.gov, AND RECEIVED BY October 22, 2024.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 03-23-131, filed 11/19/03, effective 7/1/04)

WAC 16-256-060 Procedures for denying or revoking a commercial feed license for a processed animal waste product facility. (1) A commercial feed license for a processed animal waste product facility will be denied or revoked if the:

(a) Applicant or the processed animal waste product is determined to be in violation of any Washington state statute or Washington state agency rule or regulation affecting or relating to the distribution of commercial feeds in this state.

(b) Processed animal waste product does not meet the quality standards in WAC 16-256-070.

(c) Processed animal waste product label does not comply with the requirements of chapter 15.53 RCW and WAC 16-256-030.

(d) Processed waste product is not labeled in compliance with law and agency rules and regulations, including WAC 16-256-030 of these rules.

(e) Applicant or licensee fails to perform the testing as specified in WAC (~~(16-256-256)~~) 16-256-040 or to accurately maintain and make available to the director or (~~(his)~~) their designee for inspection and copying, upon demand, the records required in WAC 16-256-080.

(2) (a) When an animal waste product or labeling, or other material required to be submitted with an application fails to comply with the requirements of these rules, the director must notify the applicant why the application does not comply so the applicant can make the necessary corrections.

(b) If, upon receipt of such a notice, the applicant does not make the necessary corrections, the director must deny the license application for the processed animal waste product facility. The applicant may then request a hearing under chapter 34.05 RCW.

(3) After determining that an animal waste product or its labeling does not comply with the provisions of chapter 15.53 RCW or WAC 16-256-030, the department may revoke the facility's license. If aggrieved by the decision, the licensee may request a hearing as authorized under chapter 34.05 RCW.