WSR 26-14-098
EXPEDITED RULES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: Chapter 16-674 WAC, Weights and measures—Exemptions, weighmasters and device registration. The Washington state department of agriculture (WSDA) is proposing repealing WAC 16-674-030(3), which requires weighmaster applicants to have a current bond in the amount specified in RCW 15.80.480.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: WAC 16-674-030(3) references RCW 15.80.480, which was repealed in 2017. The proposed amendments would remove the requirement for weighmaster applicants to submit a surety bond, realigning the rule with the statute.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: The proposed amendments would remove a reference to a repealed statute. Removing the outdated reference will help clarify weighmaster application requirements.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 19.94.010.

Statute Being Implemented: Chapter 19.94 RCW.

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

Name of Proponent: WSDA, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting, Implementation, and Enforcement: Robbie Parke, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, 360-819-7529.

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

The statute on which the rule is based has been repealed and has not been replaced by another statute providing statutory authority for the rule.

Explanation of the Reason the Agency Believes the Expedited Rule-Making Process is Appropriate: This amendment qualifies for expedited rule making under RCW 34.05.353 (2)(a) since it references a requirement in RCW 15.80.480, which was repealed in 2017 and has not been replaced by another statute.

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, WSDA, P.O. Box 42560, Olympia, WA 98504-2560, phone 360-902-1802, fax 360-902-2092, email wsdarulescomments@agr.wa.gov, BEGINNING 12:15 p.m., June 30, 2026, AND RECEIVED BY 5:00 p.m., August 31, 2026.

June 30, 2026
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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 24-22-042, filed 10/28/24, effective 11/28/24)

WAC 16-674-030 Weighmaster license issuance, expiration and fees. (1) Weighmaster licenses issued under RCW 15.80.460 shall expire on June 30th following the date of issuance.

(2) Upon expiration, suspension or revocation of the license, the weighmaster must surrender their impression seal to the director or the director's representative within 10 days if they do not renew their license, if their license is suspended or if their license is revoked. The seal may be surrendered by sending the seal to the department or by surrendering the seal to the director or the director's duly appointed representative.

(3) ((~~Businesses or individuals applying to renew their license or applying for their initial license with the department must have a current bond in the amount specified in RCW 15.80.480 and that bond must remain in force and effect for not less than the entire licensing period.~~

~~(4)~~)) Weighing and measuring devices used by weighmasters are considered to be in commercial use and must be registered. Registrations are accomplished through the department of licensing as part of the master license service under chapter 19.02 RCW.

((~~(5)~~)) (4) Proof of a scale test within the last 12 months must be submitted with the application.

((~~(6)~~)) (5) Applications must be submitted with the proper fees as specified in chapter 15.80 RCW.

((~~(7)~~)) (6) Applications received without subsections (3), (4), and (5) ((~~and (6)~~)) of this section will be considered incomplete applications and will be returned to the applicant.