



# RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

**CR-103P (August 2017)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.360)**

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DATE: October 28, 2024

TIME: 7:10 AM

**WSR 24-22-027**

**Agency:** Dept. of Agriculture

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

☒ 31 days after filing.

☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** This rule making order amends Chapter 16-103 WAC, MILK PROCESSING ASSESSMENTS AND COLLECTIONS by:

Clarifying current rule language by replacing all gender-specific pronouns with modern gender-inclusive pronouns.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

New:

Repealed:

Amended: 16-103-003

Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 15.36.550, RCW 43.01.160

**Other authority:**

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-17-089 on 08/19/2024 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.  
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	_____	Amended	1	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	_____	Amended	1	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

**Date adopted:** 10/25/2024

**Name:** Derek I. Sandison

**Title:** Director

**Signature:**



AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 92-20-056, filed 10/2/92, effective 11/2/92)

**WAC 16-103-003 Penalties.** Any due and payable assessment not paid by the milk plant operator by the (~~(twentieth)~~) 20th of the succeeding month shall be considered a lien on any property owned by (~~(him or her)~~) them. All delinquent assessments shall be filed as liens quarterly by the director with the county auditor of any county in which property owned by the milk plant operator is located. All delinquent assessments shall be collected in the manner and with the same priority over other creditors as prescribed for the collection of delinquent taxes under chapters 84.60 and 84.64 RCW.