**Agency:** Washington State 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 rulemaking order amends chapter 16-157 WAC, Organic food standards and certification, by adopting the July 26, 2021 version of the USDA organic regulations (7 CFR Part 205)

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**
- New:
- Repealed:
- Amended: WAC 16-157-020
- Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 15.86.060(1), 065(3), 065(4)

**Other authority:**

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**
- Adopted under notice filed as WSR 21-16-109 on August 4, 2021 (date).
- Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: none

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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Date Adopted: October 5, 2021

Name: Derek Sandison

Title: Director

Signature:
WAC 16-157-020 Adoption of the National Organic Program. The Washington state department of agriculture adopts the standards of the National Organic Program, 7 C.F.R. Part 205, effective May 30, 2019, for the production and handling of organic crops, livestock, and processed agricultural products. The National Organic Program rules may be obtained from the department by emailing the organic program at organic@agr.wa.gov, by phone at 360-902-1805 or accessing the National Organic Program’s website at https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic.