Chapter 308-65 WAC
HULK HAULERS/SCRAP PROCESSORS

WAC 308-65-010 Definitions—General. Common carrier. Common carrier means any person who undertakes to transport property for the general public by motor vehicle for compensation as outlined in chapter 81.80 RCW. For the purposes of this chapter, common carriers licensed under the provisions of chapter 81.80 RCW are exempt from the hulk hauler licensing requirements when transporting demolished vehicles for hire between vehicle wreckers and/or scrap processors licensed by the state or country in which they operate, and the ownership interest in the vehicles is transferred directly between the vehicle wreckers and/or scrap processors.

Deals in vehicles. For the purposes of this chapter, deals in vehicles means to obtain an ownership interest in a vehicle for the purpose of transporting and/or selling the vehicle to a licensed vehicle wrecker or scrap processor by obtaining ownership as set forth in WAC 308-65-080.

Demolish. To demolish means to completely destroy a vehicle, vehicle salvage, and all parts by rendering it completely unusable except for recyclable material, for example, by means of a hydraulic crusher, hydraulic baler and shears or a shredder operated by a licensed scrap processor.

Hulk hauler. Any person who deals in vehicles for the sole purpose of transporting and/or selling them to a licensed vehicle wrecker or scrap processor in substantially the same form in which they are obtained.

WAC 308-65-020 Definitions. (1) Bill of sale for acquiring vehicles. A bill of sale shall include the names and addresses of the seller and purchaser; a description of the vehicle or part being sold, including the make, model and identification or serial number; the date of sale; and the purchase price of the vehicle. Bills of sale are acceptable in lieu of title in the cases of:
(a) Vehicles from nontitle jurisdictions;
(b) When an insurance company or private owner has turned in the title to a vehicle previously destroyed as provided under WAC 308-56A-460; or
(c) For vehicles of the type to which titles are not issued.
(2) In the case of vehicle parts a bill of sale from the seller describing the specific part and giving the full name, address and verification of the seller's identity, plus date of sale. In addition, if a major component part is acquired the vehicle identification number from which it came must also be set forth on the bill of sale. A copy of each bill of sale shall be maintained on acquired parts for a period of three years.

WAC 308-65-030 Established place of business. What must I do for a place of business? (1) Hulk hauler. A hulk hauler's established place of business is an address at which the hulk hauler receives mail and can normally be reached.
(2) Scrap processor. A scrap processor's established place of business is a place where (a) vehicles may be stored lawfully, (b) hydraulic balers, shears or shredders or other equipment for recycling vehicle salvage may be used lawfully, and (c) there is a building in which the scrap processor's license is conspicuously displayed and where all records required of the scrap processor are available for inspection.

WAC 308-65-040 Hulk hauler—Application for license. How must I apply for the hulk hauler license? The application for a hulk hauler's license shall be made on the form provided by the department and shall include, in addition to any other information the department may require, and in addition to the provisions of RCW 46.79.030:
(1) A statement regarding whether or not the applicant has ever previously had a license as a hulk hauler denied, suspended, or revoked and on what dates and what grounds.
(2) A certification from a member of the Washington state patrol that his/her vehicle(s) are properly identified in accordance with WAC 308-65-070(5).

The license may be renewed prior to the expiration date by filing a renewal application, securing a signature of the appropriate member of the Washington state patrol on his/her application, and paying a renewal fee of ten dollars.

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WAC 308-65-050 Expiration of hulk hauler license. When will my license expire? (1) A hulk hauler's license shall expire twelve consecutive months from the date of issuance for purposes of staggered licensing.

(2) Motor vehicle hulk hauler license plates shall expire on the same date as the expiration of the license.

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WAC 308-65-060 Hulk hauler—Special plates. How must I display the hulk hauler license plates? All vehicles used by hulk haulers on the highways of this state shall bear regular license plates and in addition, special hulk hauler's plates. Each vehicle shall display both special plates assigned to it, provided that when any vehicle being towed does not have valid license plates, the hulk hauler plates may be split, with one being displayed on the front of the towing vehicle and the other on the rear of the vehicle being towed. The plates serve in lieu of a trip permit or current license plates for the vehicle(s) being transported.

The plates may be obtained at a fee of six dollars for the first set, and three dollars for each additional set which charges include the reflectorization fee required by RCW 46.16.237.

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WAC 308-65-070 Hulk hauler—General procedures and requirements. Hulk haulers shall comply with all statutes, rules and regulations relative to the handling of vehicles and vehicle hulks.

(1) Change of address. The department shall be notified immediately of any change of mailing address.

(2) License certificate. The license certificate shall be carried in the vehicles operated by hulk haulers. If a hulk hauler operates more than one vehicle he/she shall request additional license certificates for each vehicle. Such certificates shall also be carried for inspection by law enforcement officers.

(3) Inspection of transport vehicle. Prior to the issuance of a hulk hauler license the vehicle to be used in transporting vehicle salvage must be inspected by the appropriate law enforcement official to verify compliance with safety requirements applying to transportation of vehicle salvage on the highways of the state.

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308-65-100 Expiration of scrap processor license. When does my license expire? (1) A scrap processor's license shall expire twelve consecutive months from the date of issuance.

(2) Any special license plates issued to a scrap processor shall expire on the same date as the expiration of the license.

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WAC 308-65-110 Scrap processor—Special plates. What special license plates are available? Vehicles owned or operated on the highways of this state by a scrap processor and used by the scrap processor in gathering vehicle hulks or salvage shall bear regular license plates and, in addition, hulk hauler plates. Such plates serve in lieu of a trip permit or current license for any vehicle being transported. Each vehicle shall display all plates issued to it.

The plates may be obtained at a fee of six dollars for the first set, and three dollars for each additional set including the reflectorization fee required by RCW 46.16.237; they expire simultaneously with the scrap processor's license.

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WAC 308-65-120 Scrap processor—General procedures and requirements. All scrap processors shall comply with all statutes, rules and regulations relative to the demolition of vehicles and vehicle hulks.

(1) Change of address. The department shall be notified immediately of any change of address of any business location or of the addition of any such location.

(2) Display of license certificate. The license certificate of the scrap processor shall be displayed conspicuously at the business address shown on the application and shall be available for inspection by law enforcement officers and authorized representatives of the department.

(3) Inspection of premises. The premises of the scrap processor shall be subject to periodic inspection by appropriate law enforcement officers and authorized representatives of the department.

(4) Destroying of license plates. All license plates coming into the possession of the scrap processor shall be destroyed by the scrap processor prior to forwarding the monthly report to the department under RCW 46.79.020.

(5) Identification of licensee's vehicles. All vehicles equipped for lifting or transporting vehicles or hulks shall display the licensee's name, address and current telephone number. Such information shall be painted on or permanently affixed to both sides of the vehicle. Each letter and numeral shall be made with at least a half-inch stroke for the width and shall be at least three inches high. See example.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.55.190, 46.79.080 and 46.80.140. WSR 93-08-076, § 308-65-120, filed 4/6/93, effective 5/7/93.]

WAC 308-65-130 Scrap processor—Procedures for acquiring vehicles for demolition. On what ownership documents may I acquire vehicles? Supporting acquisition. A scrap processor may acquire vehicles for demolition if the transferor can furnish ownership documents, in the form of a certificate of title properly endorsed, from a state issuing a title, or a certificate of registration and notarized bill of sale from a jurisdiction issuing a registration certificate only or other approved ownership documents as follows:

(1) Affidavit of lost or stolen title and release of interest from the owner.

(2) Affidavit of sale of a junk vehicle from the landowner who has complied with RCW 46.55.230.
WAC 308-65-140 Scrap processor—Procedures for monthly reports. How must I file monthly reports to the department? (1) Must maintain books and files.

(a) The scrap processor shall maintain the following books and files of all vehicles, acquired other than from a wrecker or out-of-state salvage company, which shall contain the following:

(i) A description of each vehicle acquired by make, model, year and vehicle identification number;

(ii) The date acquired, name of the person, firm or corporation from which obtained, and the wrecker license numbers if such person is licensed as a wrecker by the department;

(iii) A copy of the document evidencing ownership, as required by WAC 308-65-080; and

(iv) The license plate number and name of state in which vehicle was last registered.

(b) For all vehicles acquired from a licensed wrecker, a copy of the wrecker's invoice or bill of sale shall suffice as the record of acquisition and demolition.

(c) For vehicles acquired from out-of-state salvage companies, an invoice listing the vehicles and the affidavit of compliance with the out-of-state jurisdiction.

(d) For vehicle parts, an invoice or bill of sale describing the part and identifying the seller by name and address. The certification must be signed by the shipper under the penalty of perjury indicating the load of demolished vehicles has been processed in accordance with all statutes, rules and regulations relating to such vehicles in the state or province of origin.

(e) Such records shall be maintained for three years and shall be subject to periodic inspection by authorized representatives of the department and appropriate law enforcement officers.

(2) Must furnish written reports. By the tenth of the month following acquisition of vehicles or hulks for demolition, each scrap processor shall submit a report, on the form prescribed by the department, listing each vehicle, whether or not such vehicles have been demolished. This report shall be made in duplicate, retaining the duplicate for the scrap processor's files. The report shall give such information as the scrap processor is required to keep by subsection (1) of this section, provided that the scrap processor need not include copies of a wrecker's invoice or bill of sale in such report so long as he/she retains copies of the invoices and bills of sale for a period of three years. It shall be accompanied by properly endorsed certificates of title or registration or such other adequate evidence of ownership as may come into the scrap processor's possession when he/she acquires vehicles for salvage from other than wreckers licensed by the department.

WAC 308-65-150 Statement of change in business structure, ownership interest or control. When must I report a change in business structure or ownership? Any person, firm, association, corporation or trust licensed under chapter 46.79 RCW must, within ten days following any change in its business or ownership structure, file a statement describing with particularity the change in its business structure or the change in ownership interest.

WAC 308-65-160 Termination of business. A hulk hauler or scrap processor who terminates his business shall return his/her license and special license plates to the department for cancellation within ten business days of such termination.

WAC 308-65-170 Sale, transfer or other disposition of noncorporate licensee. What if there is a partial change in ownership of the company? Upon the sale, transfer or other disposition of fifty percent or more of the ownership interest in a noncorporate licensee:

(1) A new application for an appropriate license by the purchaser or transferee is required and the fee will be the same as for an original application.

(2) The former owner must surrender to the department all special license plates. The new owner or transferee must purchase new plates in its own name.

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What if I incorporate while licensed? A licensee which incorporates while licensed shall file an application for an appropriate license.

The firm may request the preincorporation license number.

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