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BRASSICA SEED PRODUCTION DISTRICT

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WAC 16-326-010 Boundaries of the Brassica seed production districts. (1) For purposes of descriptions of boundaries relating to Brassica production districts, all references to canals pertain to Columbia Basin Irrigation Project structures. Brassica seed production district 2 includes portions of Grant and Adams counties and is bounded as follows:

(3) Brassica seed production district 2 is divided into two subdistricts, designated district 2A and district 2B. For purposes of descriptions of boundaries relating to Brassica seed production district 2, all references to canals pertain to Columbia Basin Irrigation Project structures. Brassica seed production district 2 includes portions of Grant and Adams counties and is bounded as follows:

(a) Beginning at the Grant/Douglas County boundary, the line proceeds continuously due east along existing portions of Road 13NW to its intersection with the West Canal.

(b) Brassica seed production district 2A is the northwestern portion of Brassica seed production district 2. It is bounded on the north and west by the boundaries of Brassica seed production district 2. Its eastern boundary line commences at the intersection of Rd. 13 NW and K NW. The line extends south along K NW to its intersection with the I-90 North Frontage Rd. The line proceeds west along North Frontage Rd. to State Highway 281N, and along State Highway 281N to Q SW. It extends north along Q SW to 5 NW and west along 5 NW to the western boundary of Brassica seed production district 2.

(c) Brassica seed production district 2B consists of the portion of Brassica seed production district 2 that is not encompassed in Brassica seed production district 2A.

WAC 16-326-020 General requirements for growing, transporting or processing Brassica seed within any Brassica seed production district. (1) Growing, transportation or processing of Brassica seed is regulated under provisions of this section only within the borders of a Brassica seed production district, as described in WAC 16-326-010.

(2) No Brassica seed crop grown for any purpose is regulated as part of a Brassica seed production district, if it is harvested or mowed before flowering or otherwise handled so that pollen production is prevented. Note that other regulatory requirements, such as the provisions of the crucifer seed quarantine rule found in WAC 16-301-490 through 16-301-580, are applicable.

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(3) *Brassica* seed crops, including seed grown for planting and seed grown for crushing or extraction for fuel or oil, may only be grown in locations that have been identified in a timely manner through the pinning process.

(a) Pinning for *Brassica* seed production in *Brassica* seed production district 1 will be held at least once a year at the WSU Northwestern Washington Research and Extension Center, 16650 State Route 536, Mt. Vernon, Washington 98237. Contact the WSU Mount Vernon Skagit County Extension office at 360-428-4270 for information about pinning events for district 1.

(b) Pinning for *Brassica* seed production district 2 will be held at least once a year at the WSU Grant/Adams County Extension office, 35 C St. N.W., Ephrata, Washington 98823. Contact the WSU Grant County Extension office at 509-754-2011, ext. 413 for information about pinning events for district 2.

(c) Dates, times, locations and other information about pinning events will vary.

(d) Pinning for *Brassica* seed crops produced for planting must be performed by an authorized representative of the contractor for the crop. If the seed produced for planting is not being produced for a contractor, or if the contractor waives the pinning privilege, then the grower is responsible for pinning the location of the crop.

(e) Pinning for *Brassica* seed crops produced for fuel or oil must be performed by an authorized representative of the grower.

(4) Transportation and handling of *Brassica* seed within any *Brassica* seed production district must be performed in a way to prevent inadvertent spread of seed or production of volunteer plants. All shipments of viable seed must be in covered containers from which the seed cannot leak.

(5) Volunteer *Brassica* plants must be controlled as soon as feasible, but always prior to pollen production or blossoming.

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**WAC 16-326-030 Requirements to grow *Brassica* seed in *Brassica* seed production district 1.** (1) *Brassica* seed crops intended for oil or fuel production and/or associated by-products, forage, or cover crops may only be planted or grown in compliance with a *Brassica* production agreement, as described in RCW 15.51.040.

(2) *Brassica* seed crops of species generally known as rapeseed or canola that are intended for producing seed for planting, may only be planted or grown under conditions of a *Brassica* production agreement, as described in RCW 15.51.040.

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**WAC 16-326-040 Requirements for growing *Brassica* seed in all of *Brassica* seed production district 2.** (1) *Brassica napus var. biennis*, winter type canola or rapeseed, may not be planted in *Brassica* seed production district 2.

(2) A minimum isolation distance of two miles must be preserved from the nearest edge of any *Brassica* seed crop to any other *Brassica* seed crop. The location pinned first has priority and establishes a basis for the isolation distance for other *Brassica* seed crops. Any person subsequently pinning any other location for a *Brassica* seed crop is responsible for maintaining the two-mile minimum isolation distance. Exceptions to this two-mile minimum distance can occur only in the following three situations:

(a) An exception that allows an isolation distance of less than two miles will occur when a written agreement between two or more contractors and/or growers complies with the conditions specified in subsection (3) of this section. All locations to be planted under such a written agreement between the parties must be pinned.

(b) An exception to the minimum isolation distance may be allowed under conditions of a *Brassica* production agreement, as described in RCW 15.51.040. All locations to be planted under such a *Brassica* production agreement must be pinned.

(c) *Brassica* seed crops grown for forage or cover crops may be planted or grown within the two-mile minimum isolation distance, if the forage or cover crop is not allowed to bloom or to produce pollen from April 1 through August 15 of any year. Forage or cover crops that comply with requirements of this subsection are not required to be pinned.

(3) Written agreements between parties to voluntarily allow planting of locations, any portion of which are within the minimum isolation distance of two miles (as referenced in subsection (2)(a) of this section), must comply with all of the following conditions:

(a) The agreement must be signed by authorized representatives of the contractors for the *Brassica* seed crops grown for planting, and by the growers of *Brassica* seed crops grown for fuel or oil. If one or more of the affected *Brassica* seed crops for planting is not being produced under contract, or if the contractor waives signature authority for this agreement, the grower of the crop must enter into the agreement instead.

(b) The agreement must, at a minimum, specify:

• The date of the agreement;

• The approximate dates during which the affected crops will be in the field;

• The name, business name (if applicable), telephone number and address of each affected grower;

• The location and acreage of each planting affected by the agreement;

• The contractor (if applicable) for each location; and

• *Brassica* seed crop species and variety for each location.

(c) These written agreements cannot extend beyond one harvest per agreement.

(d) Copies of the written agreement must be retained by each person who signs it for a minimum of three years.

(4) Pinning for *Brassica* seed crops intended to produce seed for planting starts each year on the first business day after January 31 for summer annual species or varieties (such as mizuna and Chinese cabbage) and on the first business day after May 31 for overwintered species or varieties (such as cabbage, broccoli, and turnip). Pinning for *Brassica* seed
crops to produce seed intended for oil or fuel starts the first business day after June 30.

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**WAC 16-326-050 Differences between restrictions on Brassica seed production in Brassica seed production districts 2A and 2B.** WAC 16-326-040 establishes restrictions that apply throughout all of Brassica seed production district 2 (including the two subdistricts designated districts 2A and 2B in WAC 16-326-010(3)), regarding the production of Brassica seed crops. Additional specific restrictions apply to district 2A. The differences between the subdistricts are:

1. Brassica seed production in Brassica seed production district 2A is limited primarily to production of any species of Brassica seed for planting, except for Brassica napus var. biennis, winter type canola or rapeseed, as disallowed in WAC 16-326-040(1). Within Brassica seed production district 2A, Brassica seed crops intended for oil or fuel production may only be planted or grown under conditions of a Brassica production agreement, as described in RCW 15.51-040.

2. Brassica seed production in Brassica seed production district 2B includes production of any species of Brassica seed for planting, oil or fuel production, except for Brassica napus var. biennis, winter type canola or rapeseed, as disallowed in WAC 16-326-040(1).

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**WAC 16-326-060 What is the Brassica work group and how often does it meet?** The Brassica work group is an advisory group composed of representatives of the vegetable seed, canola, and biofuels production industries, as well as other interested persons. The Washington state department of agriculture will continue to convene the work group as needed, but at least once a year, for the purpose of advising the department regarding the provisions of chapter 16-326 WAC, any necessary revisions, and the needs of affected growers and industries.

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