Chapter 60-12 WAC
WASHINGTON BEEF COMMISSION ACT RULES

WAC 60-12-005  Promulgation. This is a new order relating to RCW 16.67.120.

I, Gary F. Strohmaier, director of agriculture of the state of Washington, after public notice and hearing held at Olympia, Washington, on April 26, 1977, by virtue of authority vested in me under chapter 34.04 RCW and RCW 16.67.120, do hereby find and declare that the assessment of twenty cents per head on Washington cattle shall be collected with reference to the following:


(2) Procedures for collecting state-authorized assessments are not covered by the federal order and shall be as set forth in RCW 16.67.120(2), 16.67.122, 16.67.130 and this rule.

(3) All state-authorized assessments levied under chapter 16.67 RCW shall be due and payable on the 15th day of the month following the month in which the assessed transaction occurred.

(4) Pursuant to RCW 16.67.130, in the event a person who owes a state-authorized assessment fails to pay the full amount within the time set forth in subsection (3) of this section, the commission is authorized to and shall add an amount of ten percent to the unpaid assessments to defray the cost of collecting the assessment.

(5) Interest at the rate of one percent per month shall accrue on past due assessments pursuant to RCW 43.17.240, starting on the date the assessment became past due.

(6) The commission may assign past due assessments to a state-contracted collection agency to pursue collection. Under RCW 19.16.500, at least thirty days prior to assigning a past due assessment to a collection agency, the commission shall attempt to advise the person who owes the assessment of the existence of the debt and that the debt may be assigned to a collection agency for collection if the debt is not paid.

(7) The commission may bring a civil action under RCW 16.67.130 against any person who owes a past due state-authorized assessment in a state court of competent jurisdiction for the collection thereof, together with ten percent late...
fee, interest from the date the debt became past due and any
other necessary reasonable costs including attorney's fees.

(8) Any civil action for the collection of past due assess-
ments may be combined with an action to collect any past due
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fees imposed under chapter 16.57 or 16.65 RCW or 16-610
WAC when owed from the same person.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.17.240, chapters 16.67 and 34.05 RCW.
WSR 10-21-057, § 60-12-020, filed 10/15/10, effective 11/15/10.]

WAC 60-12-030  Rules for implementation of promo-
tional hosting by the Washington beef commission. RCW
15.04.200 provides that agricultural commodity commiss-
ions shall adopt rules governing promotional hosting expenditures
by agricultural commodity commission employees, agents,
or commissioners. The rules governing promotional hosting
expenditures for the Washington beef commission shall be as
follows:

(1) "Promotional hosting" means the hosting of individ-
uals or groups of individuals at meetings, meals, events, or
other gatherings for the purpose of agricultural development,
trade promotion, cultivating trade relations, and in the aid of
the marketing, advertising, promotion, or sales of beef and
beef products. Such hosting may include providing meals,
refreshments, lodging, transportation, gifts of a nominal
value, reasonable and customary entertainment, and normal
incidental expenses.

(2) Expenditures for promotional hosting shall be pursu-
ant to specific budget items in the commission's annual bud-
get as approved by the commission and the director.

(3) The commission staff members are authorized to
make expenditures for promotional hosting in accordance
with the provisions of these rules.

(4) Commissioners shall obtain prior authorization of the
commission before making any expenditure for promotional
hosting.

(5) All payments and reimbursements for promotional
hosting expenses shall be identified and supported by a host-
ing expense report with receipts attached when available.
Hosting expense report forms will be supplied by the com-
mission and shall require the following information:

(a) Name of each person hosted, and company or affilia-
tion name if appropriate;
(b) General purpose of the hosting;
(c) Date and location of hosting;
(d) Name and signature of person seeking payment or
reimbursement; and
(e) Amount of payment or reimbursement.

(6) The executive director of the commission or chair-
man of the board are authorized to approve direct payment or
reimbursements submitted in accordance with these rules,
provided that they are not authorized to approve their own
reimbursements.

(7) The following persons may be hosted by Washington
beef commission staff or board members when it is reason-
ably believed such hosting will promote agricultural develop-
ment, promote trade, cultivate trade relations, or aid in the
marketing, advertising, or sale of beef or beef products, pro-
vided that such hosting shall not violate federal or state con-

(a) Individuals from private businesses, associations,

(b) Foreign government officials;
(c) Federal, state, and local officials: Lodging, meals,

(d) Individuals who directly influence consumer percep-
tion and demand for beef and beef products, including media

(e) Spouses of the persons listed in (d) of this subsection
when it is customary and expected; and

(f) The general public, at meetings and gatherings open
to the general public.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.04.200 and chapters 16.67, 34.05 RCW.
WSR 14-14-019, § 60-12-030, filed 6/23/14, effective 7/24/14.]