

WSDA Restricted Holding Facility Requirements

On December 31, 2018 the Department adopted rules amending chapters 16-54 WAC, Animal Importation, and 16-30 WAC, Restricted Holding Facilities.




These changes will go into effect January 31, 2019.


Category 1 Restricted Holding Facilities


Definition: Facility where imported animals are held in quarantine until they meet state and federal animal import requirements prior to movement out of facility.

Requirements:

- *Animals must enter a Category 1 Restricted Holding Facility with a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that includes an entry permit number, and official individual identification.*

-  *The state veterinarian must be notified when animals in a Category 1 Restricted Holding Facility have met state and federal import regulations by submitting animal testing and vaccination records **PRIOR** to allowing animals to move out of the facility.*

-  *The facility must report the official individual identification of any animals that move out of the facility to a federally inspected slaughter plant or to a Category 2 Restricted Holding Facility **PRIOR** to allowing the animals to move out of the facility. .*
 - Copies of animal testing, vaccination records and official individual identification must be submitted to:
Washington State Department of Agriculture
Animal Services Division
PO Box 42577
Olympia, WA 98504-2577
Email: ahealth@agr.wa.gov

-  *The state veterinarian will conduct at least two and up to four random audits during each licensing period. The rate for the audits is established in WAC 16-91-040.*

Category 2 Restricted Holding Facilities

Definition: Facility where livestock are confined for feeding and destined for slaughter only.

Requirements:

-  *All livestock that enter Washington State destined to a Category 2 Restricted Holding Facility **MUST** enter with a certificate of veterinary inspection that includes an entry permit number.*

- *All Cattle imported from Canada into a Category 2 Restricted Holding Facility must have a certificate of veterinary inspection that includes an entry permit number and have official individual identification.*