

**RCW 15.53.9014 Registration of pet food and specialty pet food—  
Exemption—Application—Renewal—Fees—Denial or cancellation for  
noncompliance—Violation—Penalty.** (1) A person may not distribute in  
this state a pet food or specialty pet food that has not been  
registered by the department.

(2) All applications for registration must be submitted on forms  
provided by the department and must include:

(a) The name and mailing address of the applicant;

(b) The physical address of the applicant;

(c) The name, contact information, and signature of the  
applicant;

(d) Indication of the package sizes distributed for each product;  
and

(e) Other information required by the department by rule.

(3) An application for registration must be accompanied by a  
label and other applicable printed matter describing the product and  
the following fees:

(a) Twenty-two dollars per product for those products distributed  
only in packages of ten pounds or more;

(b) Ninety dollars per product for those products distributed in  
packages of less than ten pounds; or

(c) Ninety dollars per product for those products distributed  
both in packages of less than ten pounds and packages of ten pounds or  
more.

(4) Registrations are issued by the department for a two-year  
period beginning on July 1st of a given year and ending twenty-four  
months later on July 1st, except that registrations issued to a  
registrant who applies to register an additional product during the  
last twelve months of the registrant's period expire on the next July  
1st.

(5) A distributor is not required to register a pet food or  
specialty pet food that is already registered under this chapter, as  
long as it is distributed with the original label.

(6) Changes in the guarantee of either chemical or ingredient  
composition of a pet food or specialty pet food registered under this  
chapter may be permitted if there is satisfactory evidence that such  
changes would not result in a lowering of the feed value of the  
product for the purpose for which it was designed.

(7) The department may deny registration of any pet food or  
specialty pet food not in compliance with this chapter and its rules.  
The department may cancel any registration subsequently found to be  
not in compliance with this chapter and its rules. Prior to denial or  
cancellation of a registration, the applicant or registrant of an  
existing registered pet food or specialty pet food must be notified of  
the reasons and given an opportunity to amend the application to  
comply. If the applicant does not make the necessary corrections, the  
department will deny or cancel the registration. The applicant or  
registrant of an existing registered pet food or specialty pet food  
may request a hearing as provided for in chapter 34.05 RCW.

(8) Application for renewal of registration is due July 1st of  
each registration period. If an application for renewal is not  
received by the department by the due date, a late fee of twenty  
dollars per product is added to the original fee and must be paid by  
the applicant before the renewal registration may be issued. A late  
fee will not apply if the applicant furnishes an affidavit that he or  
she has not distributed this feed subsequent to the expiration of the

prior registration. Payment of a late fee does not prevent the department from imposing a penalty authorized by this chapter for the violation. [2005 c 18 § 4; (2005 c 18 § 3 expired July 1, 2006); 1995 c 374 § 36; 1993 sp.s. c 19 § 2; 1982 c 177 § 2; 1975 1st ex.s. c 257 § 4; 1965 ex.s. c 31 § 4.]

**Effective date—2005 c 18 § 4:** "Section 4 of this act takes effect July 1, 2006." [2005 c 18 § 12.]

**Effective date—2005 c 18 § 3:** "Section 3 of this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect July 1, 2005." [2005 c 18 § 11.]

**Expiration date—2005 c 18 § 3:** "Section 3 of this act expires July 1, 2006." [2005 c 18 § 13.]

**Effective date—1995 c 374 §§ 1-47, 50-53, and 59-68:** See note following RCW 15.36.012.

**Effective date—1975 1st ex.s. c 257:** See note following RCW 15.13.470.