

RCW 70A.455.040 Requirements for a product labeled

"compostable." (1) A product labeled as "compostable" that is sold, offered for sale, or distributed for use in Washington by a producer must meet at least one of the following equivalent standard specifications:

- (a) ASTM standard specification D6400;
 - (b) ASTM standard specification D6868;
 - (c) ASTM standard specification D8410;
 - (d) ISO standard specification 17088;
 - (e) EN standard specification 13432;
 - (f) A standard specification that is substantially similar to those provided in (a) through (e) of this subsection, as determined by the department; or
 - (g) Be comprised only of wood, which includes renewable wood, or a fiber-based substrate that contains:
 - (i) Greater than 98 percent fiber by dry weight; and
 - (ii) No plastic, plastic polymer or wax additives, or plastic or wax coatings.
- (2) A product described in subsection (1)(a) through (f) of this section must:
- (a) Meet labeling requirements established under the United States federal trade commission's guides; and
 - (b) Feature labeling that:
 - (i) Meets industry standards for being distinguishable upon quick inspection in both public sorting areas and in processing facilities;
 - (ii) Uses a logo indicating the product has been certified by a recognized third-party independent verification body as meeting the applicable standard specification;
 - (iii) Displays the word "compostable," where possible, indicating the product has been tested by a recognized third-party independent body and meets the applicable standard specification; and
 - (iv) Uses green, beige, or brown labeling, color striping, or other green, beige, or brown symbols, colors, tinting, marks, or design patterns that help differentiate compostable items from noncompostable items. [2024 c 341 s 501; 2022 c 180 s 803; 2019 c 265 s 4. Formerly RCW 70.360.040.]

Findings—Intent—2024 c 341: See note following RCW 70A.207.040.

Findings—Intent—Scope of authority of chapter 180, Laws of 2022—2022 c 180: See notes following RCW 70A.205.007.