

WAC 16-610-122 Release of cattle and horses from public livestock markets. (1) Before allowing the removal of any cattle or horses from any public livestock market, a licensee or the licensee's agent or employee must:

(a) Obtain a livestock inspection certificate for the cattle or horses being removed; and

(b) Issue a release to the person wishing to remove the cattle or horses.

(2) The licensee shall hold proceeds from the sale of impounded cattle or horses for a reasonable period of time not to exceed 30 days to permit the consignor to establish ownership or the right to sell the cattle or horses. If the consignor fails to establish legal ownership or the right to sell the cattle or horses, the proceeds shall be paid to the director to be disposed of as any other estray proceeds under RCW 16.57.300.

(3) Cattle and horses that have been offered for sale at a public livestock market but did not sell, will not be assessed an additional inspection fee upon reconsignment if:

(a) The reconsignment occurs within eight days of the original sale;

(b) The animals are reconsigned to the original sale facility;

(c) The animals have not been removed from the original sale facility before reconsignment;

(d) The animals have not been commingled with other animals; and

(e) No animals have been added or removed from the group.

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