

WAC 16-561-041 Time—Place—Method for payment and collection of assessments. Effective with the growing season of 1977, the following procedure is established for the reporting and paying of assessments levied pursuant to RCW 15.65.410 and WAC 16-561-040:

(1) All first handlers of raspberries for resale or for processing shall withhold the amount of the assessment from their remittance to growers and transmit same to the commission. Where the first handler does not remit proceeds to the producer, the first handler shall include in their bill for services the assessment due and upon payment by the producer shall remit same to the commission. All such assessments accumulated will be due and payable to the commission in four installments payable December 1st of the current calendar year, followed by February 1st, April 1st, and concluding June 1st of the following calendar year. First handlers shall submit to the commission on or before October 1st of each year, a report listing the name, address, pounds handled or purchased, and amount deducted or collected for each producer on forms provided by the commission.

(2) All growers selling raspberries other than to first handlers for resale or processing, whether selling direct or through brokers, and including all sales at retail, shall submit to the commission on or before October 1st of each year, a report listing the pounds produced in the current harvest season on forms provided by the commission, and shall pay the assessment directly to the commission in four installments payable December 1st of the current year, followed by February 1st, April 1st, and concluding June 1st of the following calendar year.

(3) All growers having raspberries in cold storage that are not sold on September 15th of each year, shall compute the assessment due on such berries and pay same to the commission by September 30th of each year.

(4) Any assessments paid after the above deadlines shall be accompanied by a penalty fee of 10 percent as provided in RCW 15.65.440.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.24.035, 15.26.060, 15.28.023, 15.44.021, 15.65.240, 15.66.113, 15.88.050, 15.89.050, 15.115.060, 16.67.060, 43.01.160, and 43.23.025. WSR 25-05-103, s 16-561-041, filed 2/19/25, effective 3/22/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 15.65.047 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 18-15-009, § 16-561-041, filed 7/6/18, effective 8/6/18. Statutory Authority: Chapter 15.65 RCW. WSR 86-13-012 (Order 1888), § 16-561-041, filed 6/6/86. Statutory Authority: RCW 15.65.180. WSR 83-24-028 (Order 1809), § 16-561-041, filed 12/1/83; Order 1, § 16-561-041, filed 6/3/77.]