



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 296-307 WAC – Safety Standards for Agriculture, Hazard Communication

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, and 29 CFR 1910 Subpart Z.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) adopted the final rules updating its Hazard Communication Standard into alignment with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). The department is required to update our rules in Chapter 296-307 WAC – Safety Standards for Agriculture to be at least as effective as OSHA. The scope of OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard includes requirements for employers as well as chemical manufacturers, importers, and distributors, and the department's comparable requirements are in separate rules at this time. OSHA's rule also modified other existing OSHA standards that contain hazard classification and communication provisions to be internally consistent and aligned with the GHS modifications to the hazard communication standard. Additional housekeeping and reference changes will be made in other rules in accordance with hazard communication updates.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
No other state or federal agencies, other than OSHA, are known to regulate this subject.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other (describe) Parties interested in the formulation of these rules for proposal may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

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