



# Special Notice

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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## **Public Utility Tax Deduction for Certain Transportation Activities with Respect to Agricultural Commodities**

House Bill 1443, 2007 Regular Session, creates a deduction from Public Utility Tax (PUT) for the transportation of agricultural commodities from a point of origin in this state to an interim storage facility in this state, prior to the commodities being exported out of state. The deduction is effective July 22, 2007.

This legislation amends RCW 82.16.050 to provide a deduction for amounts derived from the transportation of agricultural commodities from an instate points of origin to an instate interim storage facility, from which the agricultural commodities are transshipped to an export elevator, wharf, dock, or ship side on tidewater or its navigable tributaries. The commodities must then be forwarded without intervening transportation in their original form by vessel to interstate or foreign destinations. The same agricultural commodity dealer must operate both the interim storage facility and the storage facility at the port. This deduction is not available for manufactured substances or articles.

The person claiming this deduction must obtain a certificate (see attached) from the agricultural commodity dealer operating the interim storage facility. The certificate must certify that both:

- More than 96 percent of the type of agricultural commodity received at the dealer's interim storage facility during the preceding calendar year was shipped by vessel in original form to interstate or foreign destinations; and
- Any of the agricultural commodity transshipped to ports on tidewater or its navigable tributaries will be received at storage facilities operated by the same agricultural commodity dealer, and will be shipped from such facilities, without intervening transportation, by vessel, in their original form, to interstate or foreign destinations.

The term "agricultural commodity" has the same meaning as "agricultural product" in RCW 82.04.213.

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