



Washington State
Liquor Control Board

Liquor Control Board Interim Policy BIP-03-2014

Subject: Food Processing Facility Inspection

Effective Date: May 14, 2014

Ending Date: Upon adoption of rules to implement this policy.

Approved:

Sharon Foster, Chairman

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Purpose:

Marijuana processors are required to have their processing facilities inspected prior to issuance of their marijuana processor license. Some of the marijuana processor applications are nearly ready for inspections but we have not adopted rules regarding the inspection process.

Policy Statement:

This policy memorializes the direction the board is taking in food processing facility inspections. The staff plans to seek board approval to open rulemaking on this topic by the end of May.

A marijuana processor producing marijuana infused products in a food processing facility as required in WAC 314-55-015(10) must pass a food processing facility inspection. Ongoing annual food processing facility compliance inspections may be required. The board will contract with the Department of Agriculture to conduct required food processing facility inspections. All costs of inspections are borne by the licensee and the hourly rate for inspection is \$60.00. A licensee must allow the board or their designee to conduct physical visits and inspect the food processing facility and records during normal business hours without advance notice. Failure to follow the food processing facility requirements outlined in this section will be sufficient grounds for the board to suspend or revoke a marijuana license.