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ADOPT: 603-014-0006

NOTICE FILED DATE: 06/29/2026

RULE SUMMARY: Adds definitions section.

CHANGES TO RULE:

603-014-0006

Definitions

Unless the context or a specifically applicable definition requires otherwise, the following definitions shall apply to OAR 603-014-006 to 0310.

(1) "Brand" means a distinctive design, mark or other means of identification applied to a designated location of the hide, wool, or skin of livestock.

(2) "Character" means a letter, number, or symbol that is used in a brand. Approved characters for Oregon brands include the following:

(a) A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y and Z.

(b) 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

(c) Symbols are figures that are typically used in branding livestock and are not known to result in blotching when

applied to a hide.¶

(3) Department means the Oregon Department of Agriculture.¶

(4) "Equidae" means a horse, mule, or ass.¶

(5) "Livestock" means cattle, Equidae, and sheep.¶

(6) "Oregon Brand Conflict List" means a list of character conflicts that could preclude registration of new brand due to confusion between similar marks.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 561, 604

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 604.005

AMEND: 603-014-0017

NOTICE FILED DATE: 06/29/2026

RULE SUMMARY: Clarifies which locations on livestock can be used for herd or breed identification to be consistent with industry practice.

CHANGES TO RULE:

603-014-0017

Location of Herd or Breed Identification Markings II

~~As provided by ORS 604.021(2), the following areas and markings may be used for herd or breed identification:~~

~~(1) The gaskins of cattle, on either side, may be used for herd identification markings. Such identification markings, for purposes of livestock, may be used as follows:~~

~~(1) Markings shall consist of three or more letters or figure numbers, or any combination thereof, and may be placed either vertically or horizontally.~~

~~(2) No designs or connected figure characters may be used.~~

~~(23) The necks of horses, on either side, Markings may not be used for breed association identification markings so as to conflict with or be confused with a recorded brand.~~

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 561, 604

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 604.021

AMEND: 603-014-0030

NOTICE FILED DATE: 06/29/2026

RULE SUMMARY: Clarifies when the department may record ear or flesh marks and the purpose.

CHANGES TO RULE:

603-014-0030

~~No Ear or Flesh Marks Not Entitled to Be Recorded~~ May be Documented ¶

~~No ear or flesh marks shall be recorded for any species of livestock. However, the Department encourages the owner of~~ Ear marks and flesh marks may be documented alongside a recorded brands to submit such marks with the application for recording of brand and published in the brand book for informational purposes.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 561

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 561.190

AMEND: 603-014-0035

NOTICE FILED DATE: 06/29/2026

RULE SUMMARY: Describes the departments process for reviewing new brand designs for conflicts with current Oregon brands.

CHANGES TO RULE:

603-014-0035

Conflict Check: Adjustment of Conflicting Brands.

~~Should the Department deem it necessary to adjust conflicting brands, such adjustment will be made on the basis of priority of continuous record; provided, however, that the owners of conflicting brands may make such adjustments between themselves if satisfactory to the Department.~~
will review new brand applications for conflicts with existing brands.

(2) After review, A brand will be recorded if the requested design:

(a) Is not already recorded in the same location on the same species of livestock.

(b) Has at least one distinguishing difference between itself and a recorded brand.

(c) Does not contain a character on the Oregon Brand Conflict List that would make it in conflict with a recorded brand.

(d) Is not likely to result in blotching and is easily distinguishable from another brand on an animal.

(e) Is not in violation of any other requirements of this chapter or ORS Chapter 604.

(3) The Department may use the Livestock Brand Advisory Committee to review brands conflicts and provide advice.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 561.190, 604.021

Statutes/Other Implemented: ~~ORS~~ 604.021

AMEND: 603-014-0045

NOTICE FILED DATE: 06/29/2026

RULE SUMMARY: Increases fee for sheep brand activations to \$50.

CHANGES TO RULE:

603-014-0045

Application and Activation Fees for New Certificates of Recordation of Brands ¶

(1) If a person desires to record a distinctive brand on a location on a species of livestock, the person may apply for a certificate of recordation as provided in this section.¶

(2) To receive a certificate of recordation, the person shall submit a written application, submit all other requested documents, and pay an application fee plus an activation fee.¶

(a) The person may submit a written application for a certificate of recordation. The application fee must accompany the application. The amount of the application fee is \$25 for each location on each species of livestock.¶

(b) If the department determines after a review of the application that the requested brand is available, the department will project an expiration date for a certificate of recordation, inform the applicant of the projected expiration date and of the amount of the activation fee, and may request additional documents from the applicant.¶

(c) The amount of the activation fee for each certificate of recordation will be calculated based on the livestock species and on the number of days between the date that the department determined that the requested brand is available and the projected expiration date. For all livestock species except sheep, the activation fee for a certificate of recordation shall be \$0.14 per day, up to a maximum of \$200. For sheep, the activation fee for a certificate of recordation shall be \$0.03 per day, up to a maximum of ~~\$450~~.¶

(d) Upon receiving the information described in paragraph (b), the applicant may submit the activation fee to the department. If the applicant does not submit the activation fee and all requested documents to the department so that the department receives them within three months of the date that the department determined that the requested brand is available, then the department's determination will be deemed rescinded without further action.¶

(3) Upon receipt of a written application, the application fee, the activation fee, and all other requested documents as provided in this section, the department will issue a certificate of recordation for the distinctive brand on the location on the species of livestock. The certificate shall allow use of the brand until the expiration date.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 561.180, 604.027, 607.261

Statutes/Other Implemented: ~~ORS 604.027, SB 1019 (2025)~~

AMEND: 603-014-0047

NOTICE FILED DATE: 06/29/2026

RULE SUMMARY: Increases fee for sheep brand renewals to \$50.

CHANGES TO RULE:

603-014-0047

Renewal Fees for Certificates of Recordation of Brands ¶¶

(1) All certificates of recordation expire on their expiration dates, unless the department receives the renewal fee by the first January 4th that follows an attempt by the department to notify the holder of the need to renew.¶¶

(2) The department will attempt to notify the holder during the September that precedes the expiration date of the certificate of recordation that the certificate needs to be renewed.¶¶

(3)(a) The amount of the renewal fee depends on whether the new expiration date will be adjusted under OAR 603-014-0046.¶¶

(b) If the new expiration date will not be adjusted, the certificate of recordation will be effective for four years and the amount of the renewal fee will be based on the species of livestock. For all livestock species except sheep, the renewal fee shall be \$200. For sheep, the renewal fee shall be \$450.¶¶

(4) The department will mail the notifications described in this section to a holder of a certificate of recordation at the holder's last known address as shown on the department's records.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 561

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 604.027(1), 604.027(2), SB 1019 (2025)

ADOPT: 603-014-0049

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RULE SUMMARY: Creates a Livestock Identification Program Advisory Committee and describes its purpose, and membership representation and terms.

CHANGES TO RULE:

603-014-0049

Livestock Identification Program Advisory Committee

(1) The Director will establish an advisory committee for the Livestock Identification Program. The Committee's primary role is to advise the Director on matters relating to the administration of the Livestock Identification Program and may make recommendations concerning the inspection and certification services rendered by the Department. A subcommittee of this group may review and make recommendations regarding conflicts for new brand applications.

(2) The Livestock Identification Program Advisory Committee will consist of 11 members representing industry involved in the Livestock Identification Program as follows:

(a) One (1) designee of the Oregon Cattleman's Association.

(b) Three (3) cow-calf producers.

(c) One (1) designee of the Oregon Dairy Farmers Association.

(d) One (1) one dairy producer.

(e) One (1) feedlot industry member.

(f) One (1) Tribal liaison.

(g) One (1) auction yard representative.

(h) One (1) slaughter facility representative, and

(i) One (1) member of the Board of Agriculture.

(3) The term of each member will be three years from the date of appointment, except initial terms of one, two and three years will be used to stagger the terms of the Committee members. Vacancies in office will be filled by appointment for the unexpired term.

(4) The Committee will meet at the call of the Director or an official representative at least once annually.

(5) Each member of the Committee, may, with the approval of the Director, be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his or her official duties. However, members may not receive any consideration for serving on the Committee. The reimbursement shall be made at the rate established by the Department of Administrative Services. The Department will provide Committee members with the State of Oregon Travel Expense Detail Sheets to be completed within 60 days of incurred expenses.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 561

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 561