

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES CLEARINGHOUSE

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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 11-004

Comments

[<u>NOTE</u>: All citations to "Manual" in the comments below are to the <u>Administrative Rules Procedures Manual</u>, prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 2008.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

a. In s. Comm 103.12 (2), the term should either be defined or defined by reference to the federal statute, not both.

b. The definitions in s. Comm 103.12 (17) and (18) should be reversed so that the defined terms are in alphabetical order. If this change is made, the cross-reference in s. Comm 103.20 (1) should be changed. Also, in s. Comm 103.12 (18), quotation marks should be added after "firm" and before "DVB".

c. In s. Comm 103.12 (29), "Limited liability company" may be better defined by reference to the definition "found in ch. 183, Stats. or under a similar statute of another state."

d. In s. Comm 103.12 (36), consideration should be given to defining "partnership" using the definition in s. 178.03, Stats., for consistency.

e. If there is no distinction made between a partnership and a general partnership, s. Comm 103.20 (3) (a) and (b) could be merged and the description of "partnership" could be omitted (as this term is defined).

f. In s. Comm 103.29 (1) (intro.), "The" should replace "Such".

g. The department should consider placing the address in s. Comm 103.75 (1) in a note.

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

The entire rule should be reviewed for use of the plural "their" with a singular noun. Either "his or her" or an appropriate noun should be substituted. For example, see ss. Comm 103.20(3)(a), 103.24(6), and 103.32(1)(a).