

**221—4.16(17A) General statements of policy.**

**4.16(1)** *Compilation, indexing, public inspection.* The department shall maintain an official, current, and dated compilation that is indexed by subject, containing all of its general statements of policy within the scope of Iowa Code section 17A.2(10) “a,” “c,” “f,” “g,” “h,” “k.” Each addition to, change in, or deletion from the official compilation must also be dated, indexed, and a record thereof kept. Except for those portions containing rules governed by Iowa Code section 17A.2(7) “f,” or otherwise authorized by law to be kept confidential, the compilation must be made available for public inspection and copying.

**4.16(2)** *Enforcement of requirements.* A general statement of policy subject to the requirements of this subsection shall not be relied on by the department to the detriment of any person who does not have actual, timely knowledge of the contents of the statement until the requirements of subrule 4.16(1) are satisfied. This provision is inapplicable to the extent necessary to avoid imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare.