

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOOL INDUSTRY EDP USERS GROUP HELD ON MONDAY THE 29th OF OCTOBER 2007**SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES****1. Action Items from previous meeting****D Certificate**

D Suffix Certificates will be finalised by FAWO on Friday the 2nd of November. It will be up to the Broker to declare to AWTA if the lot meets the code of practice. There will be a formal note distributed by FAWO after the meeting.

Reoffer Trial

The NCWSBA has asked the ACWE to form a working group to further the reoffer trial.

2. EDI Future Directions

Further work is required on the draft report of the EDI upgrade before it can be presented to the Policy Committee. It is planned to include an analysis of alternatives reviewed to date and possibly some idea of the development effort and costs involved. A working group of committee members is to be consulted in order to progress further. The report is to be approved by the Technical Committee before seeking ratification from the Policy Committee.

It will be difficult to estimate the costs incurred by many industry companies who rely on software suppliers as they may have different contract terms, even with the same software company. The cost of investigating and planning the upgrade will be borne by committee member companies.

A decision would need to be made by March or April 2008 to allow companies to include any costs in their budgets for the following financial year.

New Zealand would be included in the changes as they predominantly use Australian software and they will need to follow the new standards.

3. AWTA Windows Conversion

AWTA is moving from a mainframe environment to a Windows environment. Conversion of their Certification and EDI systems will occur in late December.

4. AWEX-ID V3.2

There is one update that will be made for the AWEX-ID V3.2 change which is a suffix change from a 'P' to a 'K', a document will be submitted to the secretary upon the finalisation of the change.

Although no decision has been made on the next handbook release a July 2008 release has been requested by AWEX to coincide with the new version of AWEX-ID. This change will affect the codes used within the DMFR Scheme.

5. Other Business

Better Choices Quality Scheme

A new Better Choices Quality Scheme has been issued; the code issued is '05'. The scheme is run by Bayer Health Care and is a pain free mulesing scheme; details will be distributed to the industry by Bayer Health Care.

6. Next Meeting

There is currently no timetable for the next handbook release.

The date for the next meeting is TBA.