

2011 NWD REVIEW: NWD V5.0, February 2012

AWEX Members and stakeholders are advised that the AWEX Board has approved recommendations in relation to the 2011 NWD Review conducted by ISAC (Industry Services Advisory Committee). As part of the annual review of the NWD, ISAC considered submissions from stakeholders from various stages of the wool pipeline.

A key focus of the review was to make the NWD more intuitive to increase uptake and minimise errors in completing it. The outcomes of the review are:

1. Brief definitions have been added to the Classer's Specification/NWD as a reminder to the Owner/Manager.
2. Definitions of Mulesed and Non-Mulesed (NM) have not changed.
3. Definitions of Ceased Mulesed (CM) and Pain Relief (PR) have not changed but have been reworded to improve clarity and interpretation.
4. There is no change to the property level question regarding Ceased Mulesed: answer "Yes" or "No" to the question "Has Mulesing Ceased on this property?"
5. There is a change to the mob level question about whether a mob is "NM" or "PR". The question now asks the Owner/Manager to identify, if applicable (otherwise leave blank), "NM" for a Non Mulesed mob or "PR" for a mob mulesed with Pain Relief. Previously this was two questions asking Yes/No for each mob.
6. To improve data entry issues, versions of the NWD that are specific to the data entry software used by the Seller have been produced, with both Landscape and Portrait versions available.
 - Where the software does not automatically calculate the Mulesing Status in **V5.0a**, a Mulesing Status column has been added to the central section of the Speci allowing wool technical staff to apply it at a lot level.
 - If the software automatically calculates the Mulesing Status, **V5.0b** is appropriate.
 - For Sellers who want to continue to use the separate NWD, the NWD V5.0, February 2012 version is also available.
7. The question related to "Keeping a record of Chemical Use" has been removed.
8. The Bin Code column has been moved to the right hand side of the Speci so it is next to the Classer's Comments and the Codes are not mixed up with the Bale Numbers.

The NWD continues to be combined with the Classer's Specification to reduce duplication, with a separate page detailing the Definitions, Background and Guidelines for completing the NWD.

Sellers can download soft copies (Word) of all formats for the NWD V5.0, February 2012 from the AWEX website: <http://www.awex.com.au/publications/national-wool-declaration-nwd.html>.

Members' update



NWD DEFINITIONS, BACKGROUND AND GUIDELINES – to ensure that all aspects of the NWD are understood, it is important that this page is supplied with every set of shearing stationery so that the wool grower understands the NWD and what they are signing. It may, for example, be printed on the front or back cover of the stationery or as a separate sheet.

V5a

Completion of the National Wool Declaration (NWD)	Definitions and Codes												
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ Determine the order of shearing prior to completing the NWD. It is recommended that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mobs with a higher Dark and Medullated Fibre risk are shorn last, ○ Mobs of a different Mulesing Status can be kept separate, and/or ○ The wool from mobs with similar characteristics can be combined as required especially, for example, oddment lines. ⊗ To declare the DMFR and/or Mulesing Status for each mob (and line of wool): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Owner/Manager, preferably in consultation with the Woolclasser, in the NWD Section within the double lines, must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Answer the question “Has Mulesing¹ Ceased² (CM) on this property? Yes or No” . ▪ Complete the NWD mob questions and sign the declaration. ○ The Woolclasser, in the Specification section within the double lines, must list all Mobs (i.e. all Mob Numbers) used to make up each line of wool. ⊗ Note: If Mulesing¹ has Ceased² on the property, CM will automatically be allocated to lines of wool from mobs that contain some (or all) mulesed sheep; that is, mobs that are not declared as NM. 	<table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white;">1 Mulesing</td> <td>The removal of skin from the breech and/or tail of a sheep using mulesing shears. <i>Source: Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep (draft).</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white;">2 Ceased Mulesing (CM)</td> <td>Wool from sheep where the property has ceased mulesing. A mob may contain mulesed sheep, but no sheep born on this property in the last 12 months have been mulesed at the time of this shearing. There must be no intention to mules in the future.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white;">3 Non Mulesed (NM)</td> <td><u>All sheep</u> in this mob <u>have not been mulesed</u>.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white;">4 Pain Relief (PR)</td> <td><u>All sheep</u> in this mob <u>have been mulesed using a registered Pain Relief product</u>. Each mob must be declared separately. Note: The NWD definition for PR applies at the <u>mob level</u>, not at the <u>property level</u>.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white;">5 Contact with Shedding Breeds</td> <td>Mated to, or run in the same paddock as shedding sheep/lambs or their crosses.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white;">6 Shedding Breeds</td> <td>Breeds that shed fibre (e.g. Afrikaner, Awassi, Damara, Dorper, Karakul, <u>Meatmaster</u>, Persian, Van <u>Rooy</u>, Wiltipoll, Wiltshire Horn).</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	1 Mulesing	The removal of skin from the breech and/or tail of a sheep using mulesing shears. <i>Source: Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep (draft).</i>	2 Ceased Mulesing (CM)	Wool from sheep where the property has ceased mulesing. A mob may contain mulesed sheep, but no sheep born on this property in the last 12 months have been mulesed at the time of this shearing. There must be no intention to mules in the future.	3 Non Mulesed (NM)	<u>All sheep</u> in this mob <u>have not been mulesed</u> .	4 Pain Relief (PR)	<u>All sheep</u> in this mob <u>have been mulesed using a registered Pain Relief product</u> . Each mob must be declared separately. Note: The NWD definition for PR applies at the <u>mob level</u> , not at the <u>property level</u> .	5 Contact with Shedding Breeds	Mated to, or run in the same paddock as shedding sheep/lambs or their crosses.	6 Shedding Breeds	Breeds that shed fibre (e.g. Afrikaner, Awassi, Damara, Dorper, Karakul, <u>Meatmaster</u> , Persian, Van <u>Rooy</u> , Wiltipoll, Wiltshire Horn).
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Background to the National Wool Declaration (NWD)	Age/Shearing	Code	Breed	Code	Sex	Code
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ Information provided in the National Wool Declaration is the responsibility of the Owner/Manager. ⊗ The Owner/Manager must sign the Declaration. ⊗ By completing this Declaration, the Owner/Manager acknowledges that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Vendor's agent will catalogue the wool based on the statements you make, and buyers will in turn rely on those statements. ○ This Declaration may be subject to random audit or inspection as part of the NWD-Integrity Program. ⊗ Note: If the DMFR or Mulesing declaration is left blank for any mob or line of wool, then no DMFR Risk Rating or Mulesing Status will be recorded for the mob or any associated lines of wool. 	1 st Shearing	1	Merino	M	Ewes	E
	2 nd Shearing to 2 years	2	Afrino	FO	Wethers	W
	3 years	3	Dohne	MD	Rams	R
	4 years	4	SAMM	MS	Mixed (E/W/R)	M
	5 years	5	Corriedale	CD		
	6, 7, 8 years etc.	6, 7, 8...	Crossbred	XB		
	Mixed, e.g. 3 to 5 years	3 - 5	Downs	DN		
			Shedding Breeds	SB		
			Carpet Wool	CW		
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AWEX will provide individual assistance to Sellers who wish to have any of the Versions of the NWD modified for their specific requirements. Please contact Kerry Hansford (details below) if you would like her to assist you with your NWD.

AWEX will conduct regional seminars in March/April so that all members and stakeholders have an opportunity to fully understand the changes to the NWD.

A full communications plan will be released shortly.

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