

**SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOOL INDUSTRY EDP USERS  
GROUP HELD ON MONDAY THE 1<sup>st</sup> OF DECEMBER 2014**

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**1. Sale Outcome – Lots Sold prior to auction**

The paper provided outlined the notation to be added to the handbook for the next release. It was confirmed that it was only an editorial change. Notation changes to the LPB document will be added to the list of changes for the next handbook release.

**2. Bale Details**

From the received responses regarding the issue it was noted that nothing suggested it was an onerous software change.

As long as the data was optional for the sender of the data it is fine as some transmitters do not store the required data.

The position of ACWEP has not changed since 2012 in that they do not feel the data is necessary.

If required AWTA can provide the required bale detail data to the brokers.

It was indicated that extra costs associated with data volume increases would be passed on.

The bale details can sit under a single 79A record without the need for separate headers for interlots components.

The standards would require a change to include the 81 record loop and changes to the RFD. There are currently four record types that can be used for exclusions in the RFD document and with the information provided by Talman with only a maximum of two currently being used a change will not be required for exclusions. It was noted that the standards changes are relatively simple.

For the software side the network provider will need to make changes. Scripts for FTP sessions will need to be altered for both brokers and buyers.

Transmitters of the data can optionally send the data. Receivers of the data will need to exclude the 81 record in the RFD if they do not want to receive the data. If receivers wish to receive the data they will need to make modifications to their software.

No operational changes would be required unless the receivers of the data wanted to decide on a sale by sale basis.

There would be a 20.2 % data increase with the addition of bale details for buyers with brokers being slightly less at 17.7%.

The lead time required would be six months from publication of the handbook and Talman have indicated that the development time required would be 2-3 days of software changes and about a week for script changes to be made. Also, confirmation of the changes required would need to be made before February 2015.

Changes may need to be made to the getting started chapter for other providers.

It was noted that there will be cost implications, the development costs will be absorbed however the costs of the associated data traffic increases will be passed on.

It was pointed out that there are associated costs whether they are direct or indirect, someone will be paying for the changes.

Other factors include sales outside of the auction system requiring the changes, there will be changes on all sale types and all transactions will bear the cost.

The changes would be ok as long as the sending of the data was optional as some organisations do not store the data or may not want to send the data. The decision as to whether the data was mandatory, conditional or optional would be made by FAWO with it noted that not everyone has the ability to meet a mandatory sending of the data.

A response will be made to FAWO with the findings of the group in relation to transmitting bale detail data in AC's.

### **3. Invoices**

The issue was withdrawn as upon further investigation there was a lot of scepticism from buyers as costs would not necessarily be reduced with a change. No progression of the issue is required unless another body would like to review the ATO requirements.

### **4. Other Business**

An issue had been raised with LPB transmissions having an incorrect centre – storage in the 10 record. It was advised that the issue was not a standards issue and that it was not required to be dealt with by this group.

### **5. Next Handbook Release Date and Version Number Confirmation**

The handbook release date was confirmed to be the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2015

The consensus of the group was that a full version release was required with the new version number being 31.0.

The cut off for the release of the handbook is mid February 2015.