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2015 Review of National Wool Declaration

AWEX, through the Industry Services Advisory Committee (ISAC), will conduct a Review of the National Wool Declaration (NWD). It is two years since the last formal review of the NWD and due to sustained interest by the wool pipeline in the declarations, it is timely to ensure that the NWD is fit for purpose.

In particular, the Review seeks to consider the following topics, as well as any other aspect of the NWD and its Integrity Program:

- The relevance of the current mulesing status declarations, viz. Ceased Mulesing (CM), Non Mulesed (NM), Mulesed with Pain Relief (PR) and Mulesed (M). Note, for consistency across the Australian wool industry, the definition of Mulesing is sourced from the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines (Draft).
- The user-friendliness of the NWD form with respect to its correct completion by the owner/manager and data entry by wool broking staff.
- The adoption rate and compliance of the NWD, as well as how it is being received by industry.
- NWD - Integrity Program (NWD-IP), involving desktop audits of all mulesing status declarations, verification of the use of PR, and on farm inspections for NM and CM.

Industry stakeholders are now invited to make a submission to the 2015 Review of the NWD. The timeframe has been determined to ensure that any modifications to the NWD will be ready for inclusion in new shearing stationery printed from December 2015 forward.

All submissions must be in writing and include the name and address of the author/organisation and must be lodged with AWEX by Close of Business on Friday 23rd October 2015. Emails are welcome.

When making a submission, please include the topic(s) and the background to the topic(s) to be considered.

ISAC will give due consideration to all submissions.

To provide feedback to ISAC on the 2015 NWD Review, please use the following contact:

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