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2016 Review of National Wool Declaration Call for Submissions

AWEX is conducting a review of the National Wool Declaration (NWD) through the Industry Services Advisory Committee (ISAC). While a review of the NWD was conducted in 2015, increased interest in the declarations by the wool supply chain predicates that the NWD should be reviewed to ensure it is fit for purpose and that the declarations can be substantiated through the NWD - Integrity Program (NWD-IP).

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.
- 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 NWD adoption rate and compliance, and how it is being received by industry.
- The NWD - Integrity Program (NWD-IP), involving desktop audits of mulesing status declarations, verification of the use of PR, and on farm inspections for NM and CM.

Industry stakeholders are invited to make a submission to the 2016 Review of the NWD. The timeframe will ensure that any modifications to the NWD will be ready for inclusion in new shearing stationery printed from December 2016 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 22nd July 2016. 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.

For all submissions to the 2016 NWD Review, please use the following contact:

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