

**SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOOL INDUSTRY EDP USERS  
GROUP HELD ON TUESDAY THE 25<sup>th</sup> OF OCTOBER 2016**

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**1. Delivery Basis Changes**

The delivery basis changes item will be held over to the next meeting.

**2. Special Characters**

The problematic characters for AWTA are the greater than and less than symbols as they are tags in xml documents. Currently the handbook only mentions non ASCII characters as characters to be excluded from transmissions.

Talman do not have issues with any characters.

NZWTA have an issue in the brand field with the back slash character.

This issue will be held over to the next meeting for further discussion.

**3. WSA Update**

The issue was raised to see whether there was a view to update WSA boundaries. It is an industry question and maybe not a WIEDPUG issue and may require a separate project.

AWTA have requirements from buyers to source wool from certain WSA's, there are currently gaps in existing WSA's.

It is not currently understood how much the GIS data has changed and the magnitude of the project required to fix the WSA boundaries.

It seemed there were no structural changes to the WIEDPUG handbook required as part of the update.

The item has been removed from the agenda for now, it can be added back when required.

**4. EDI Code Registry**

The item was still open and there was not an update available at this stage. It was confirmed that the request is only referring to minor editorial changes to the OD section of the getting started chapter.

**5. RFID Trials Update**

The RFID trials are continuing and at this stage the performance of the tags is being finalised. Currently tri packs are being read at a 90% success rate, very coarse cross bred wools are causing the most difficulties in reading. Work is continuing to resolve the issues causing the 10% failure rate.

Recently 700-800 bales were trialed in dump and farm bale form and all but three were read successfully, two of the failed reads had the tag ripped off by the forklift. It is hoped within a month the issues will be resolved.

It was enquired if transmissions in July 2017 were still likely. At this stage July 2017 for transmissions was still likely however the project is complex and this date could vary.

It was enquired if there would be any format change required. The existing standards and in particular the character width for the bale identification field looked ok. There may however be a requirement to add the bale identification record to other documents.

It was enquired if any changes that may be required would be finalised by February 2017 to enable them to be included in the July 2017 handbook release. This would depend on industry requirements for TRV and TC documents.

## **6. Transmission of Test Status Data**

As per the documents forwarded to the group AWTA has been working with AWH for the past few months to verify the status of tests as they progress through the test house. AWH began using the service as of the 19th of September 2016, the service can be opened up to anyone that requires it free of charge.

It was enquired if the group was OK with using record 52 and transmission type 52, the group consensus was that this was OK. It was also noted that the table in the email is slightly different to the formal document.

There is no direct continuity with test certificates and currently they are updated four times a day.

It was enquired if the new document would be automatically available or would it be necessary to pass on this information to brokers. There was no issue with passing on this information to the brokers.

A separate RFD request is required, anyone requiring this data will need to contact AWTA to make arrangements.

## **7. Other Business**

It was confirmed that an email circulated to all group members regarding editorials in relation to weight definitions for underweight and overweight bales would be included in the next handbook release, the weight was confirmed as gross weight.

There needed to be an editorial update to the default pack type of HDPE5 to nylon in the notes in the handbook. There also needed to be an update to the catalogue layout image.

## **8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 31st of January 2017 at 9:00am.

It was confirmed by the group that it was most likely a version number change would be required for the next handbook release, this will be confirmed at the January 2017 meeting.