

**SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOOL INDUSTRY EDP USERS  
GROUP HELD ON TUESDAY THE 31<sup>st</sup> OF JANUARY 2017**

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**1. Delivery Basis Changes**

The recommendation is to remove codes that are not required leaving the codes D - Delivery Nominated Destination and L - Loaded on Transport.

A request was made to Brokers to check if they had any requirements for any other codes.

AWEX will continue to monitor the EDI transmissions for data integrity issues.

The reporting flag and sampling date changes will be held over to a later date.

**2. Special Characters**

AWTA had an issue with the less than character but just replaced it with a space when it caused an issue. NZWTA has issues with the back slash character. There are also issues with the greater than and less than characters.

It is unsure how a solution would work as it would not be possible to reject a transmission based on it containing particular characters.

Software developers need to be aware of issues with special characters and be able to handle them.

**3. EDI Code registry**

From a previous meeting it was decided that common name rather than legal name would be used for organisation name.

The section at the front of the handbook required updating as it referenced fax and modem numbers which may no longer be relevant.

**4. RFID Trials Update**

At the previous meeting there was discussion on the 84 record being used in July 2017, is this still the case? It was confirmed that it will be July or December 2017 and there are no changes required to the handbook.

Any requirements to transmit to the test house would require a business need to be identified.

An enquiry was made if any work had been done on crossbred wools. There is currently work being done on dumped crossbred wools with reader power being looked at to improve performance.

**5. Other Business**

The group was provided a paper on WSA's. The issue was raised as a lower order matter, the paper outlined the changes to statistical areas. A survey was issued to AWEX Exporters, the

results of the survey were that the WSA boundaries were not a big issue however there were some concerns with correct allocation of WSA's.

There are technical reasons to keep the WSA's up to date however it was unsure if there was a commercial reason.

If the WSA's were updated historical data would not be able to be matched. This would be a downside of a change, this would need to be weighed up with the upsides of a change to determine if it was worthwhile.

There would be other benefits such as work being completed on exotic diseases.

The paper indicated that the next step would be for the issue to go to ISAC. A link could be added to the handbook in the data dictionary pointing to further information on WSA's.

The next handbook release would require a new version number and date as there were structural changes with a new document added. The new version number and date will be 32.0 and 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

## **6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 4th of April 2017 at 9:00am.