SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOOL INDUSTRY EDP USERS GROUP HELD ON TUESDAY THE 13th OF JUNE 2017

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1. Delivery Basis Changes

Time was spent looking at fields that are problematic in terms of data coming through systems, they are not being applied consistently. The paper provided is a guidance paper for WIEDPUG. If the paper is accepted by WIEDPUG the wording would go to the suppliers of data for clarity of the definitions and the changes would go into the next handbook release if approved by the suppliers. The fields that are considered problematic are outlined in the paper.

In previous meetings the movement of wool was an issue, if the centre fields are not changed will this be OK? Movement often happens after AC transmissions and it appears to be OK so better to leave it alone.

AWEX would advocate re-transmission of any data that changes post AC transmission but this has proved difficult to do for individual lots rather than entire catalogues. The ability to pick up changed data would be good however this would be a separate issue.

A request was made to check Talman systems and the OZDE network to see if updates could be handled. The group was advised that NASC has a parallel issue running regarding notification of electronic updates of catalogue changes.

An enquiry was made as to whether the changes to Centre-Auction/Catalogue cover the printing of catalogues. This is handled by the page number field in the AC.

The group consensus was that they are happy to proceed with the paper to be presented to industry.

2. Mulesing Status on 25A Record

An issue arose where there was some confusion on a transmission error that was occurring which was related to mulesing status being mandatory but a blank value is accepted, the request is to update the definition.

Although the blank value for a mandatory field is not ideal it was a requirement from industry that for the implementation of mulesing status a blank value be used for not declared. This has been handled by the industry for approximately 8-9 years.

It was pointed out that there are several fields in the handbook that are mandatory but accept a blank value, however it was agreed that blank was not ideal to be accepted for a mandatory field.

Any changes to the mulesing status field would need to be presented to ISAC for approval. An enquiry was made as to whether the group wanted the issue handled outside of WIEDPUG, it was agreed that it should but noted that it was difficult to differentiate between whether a space was correct data or just that data has been left out.

It was suggested that the issue should go to the project manager of NWD before going to industry.

An enquiry was made if a separate paper was required to go to ISAC? It was thought the issue could be solved by changing the field to conditional. A conditional field inferred that a field may not be required, mulesing status is required to be mandatory.

It was enquired if an update to the data dictionary would help. The group thought the data dictionary was clear however the data dictionary was not referenced while troubleshooting the issue when transmitting the AC data.

3. **Other Business**

There was no other business.

4. **Next Meetings**

9:00am AEDT Tuesday the 17th of October 2017

9:00am AEDT Tuesday the 30th of January 2018

9:00am AEST Tuesday the 17th of April 2018

9:00am AEST Tuesday the 12th of June 2018