

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOOL INDUSTRY EDP USERS GROUP HELD ON TUESDAY THE 15th OF OCTOBER 2019

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1. Countermark/Headmark Rule Changes

There are no recommendations and no formal changes in the paper. There is a need to set up a technical working group to work out the cost impost and put forward the suggested structural change.

The working group will consist of Les Potts (lead), David Mitchell, Kelly Devine (Talman), Maxine Blyton and Peter Morgan.

2. Collaboration Tools

A list of possible tools were outlined in the paper with Microsoft Teams being the product chosen. AWEX as the WIEDPUG secretary will set up the groups in Teams.

A query was raised as to whether it is cloud based and Apple compatible. It was noted that Teams is cloud based and there are interfaces for Apple however there are some limitations on Apple.

3. Internationalisation of Fields

No paper has been prepared for this item. The initial request was to identify fields that require internationalisation, one field that came up in the original meeting was the Tare field.

4. Strategy Paper

The updated paper was presented which now has a recommendation. The next step is to draft a cover letter to send to WIA.

The paper was seen as more of an information paper rather than seeking endorsement. The covering letter needs to be a business letter rather than a technical letter.

Concerns were raised at the last meeting about whether the paper was a strategy paper, more of an information paper, it does not outline any strategic issues.

At the face to face meeting the group was looking to give feedback to WIA. The paper is providing feedback, the title is less important.

A covering letter will be sent with the strategy paper advising that there are more detailed papers available.

5. Data Integrity and Data Ownership

The content of the paper was outlined. It was noted that a stronger preference for JSON would be preferred as that looks like the future.

An enquiry was made as to whether version control is related to handbook releases only or includes XML versions? The group agreed it should be both.

Control of mandatory data in the past has been left to version control on handbook releases, this could cause issues with required data. The group agreed that WIEDPUG could deprecate versions.

For data interpretation the WIEDPUG secretary provides immediate interpretations, a WIEDPUG meeting will be called as required.

Regarding data ownership, WIEDPUG is a technical body, they will not make decisions on ownership. If we wish to respect the wishes of the owner of the data, the handbook needs to define who owns the data.

There are four directions in the paper. We could do one or all of them, looking for consensus about what we would like to do from the group.

Existing contracts could be submitted where it was possible as a starting point.

The first step is to send off the information to WIA. The consensus was the items are worth pursuing.

6. Electronic Classer Specifications

The working group has reached a stage where input is welcomed from others. Exhaustive discussions have been had, one key point to decide to go forward is to use a more complete format or a simplified format.

Agreement is needed from the suppliers and receivers on what the format will be. The receiver needs to be able to process the data; the simpler version is easier to process.

The simpler version uses a flatter version, the full version has a more normalised data structure.

From the supplier perspective the full version is easier to work with. It was noted that Fast classer uses different structures and has different data requirements.

Property level is not properly defined, most brokers work at the lot level. They do not see the need for property level data as it causes data to be bloated. If there is direction from the industry to record property information it is possible, however it is not the current structure.

Point to point agreements may need to be made, both formats can be documented, then point to point agreements decide which one is used.

It is not ideal to support two versions, working group needs to work on a version both sides can support. Both sides need to give ground.

The chair requested the working group to work on a solution as soon as possible.

7. Document Originator

All sections of the handbook that mention document originator have been stripped out, suggestions are listed in green in the paper. A marked up document for approval will be presented at the next meeting.

8. XML Standards

There was a concern as the E-Speci was being worked on that the scope was not to define all XML standards, the thought was we were in no man's land. Some points were put down in the paper that we need to look at.

There were far too many questions to be addressed at this meeting, maybe the paper could be used as a reference doc. Hopefully by next meeting there will be some answers in regards to the E-Speci work.

9. PIC in AC/PC Documents

The paper was taken as read.

A query was made as to why the data was made private. There were no issues with the data being public, if other receivers required this data it is possible for it to be public.

The PIC working group will be re-established to discuss the implementation of the PIC record in other documents. The working group will consist of Peter Morgan (lead), Les Potts, John Billing, Maxine Blyton and David Cother.

A commitment in principal that the requested change will be implemented at the next version was made. The group decided that the working group would decide the outcome.

10. Electronic Bale ID Transmission (David Cother)

The paper was taken as read.

It was noted that the change is across all of the documents for the 84 record.

Amalgamation was suggested for the bale records however it was not realistic to make wholesale changes.

The network provider confirmed that there should not be any effect of this change on the EDI network performance.

A query was made regarding the condition that the field was mandatory if the EBID exists. This is a new conditional statement; it is dramatic change in a way a broker operates. If it exists brokers now need to collect. It was noted this was not the intent, it did not infer to collect where the EBID data was not entered currently. A change to the wording will be made to "if data has been collected".

The change has been approved by the group, however if there are any reasons not to go ahead with the change they will be presented at the next meeting.

11. WIEDPUG Testing

The group agreed that the idea of running whole of industry coordinated tests before a handbook release was a good idea, however the group was unsure if it could be mandatory.

A working group is required to progress. The working group will consist of David Watts (lead), John Billing, Nick Potter and Nigel Stewart.

The current OZDE test network needs to be promoted and its use encouraged.

The group needs to all agree on the testing protocols for the July 2020 release.

12. Other Business

99 Record Looping

All document types should allow 99 record looping as it is possible to combine document types in a transmission.

Final Receiver

The final receiver should be the network provider (e.g. OZDE) for an RFD in 00 record, nothing noting this in the data dictionary of the RFD document.

Item Withdrawn.

Letter to WIA - Re WIEDPUG Terms of Reference

Group advised that the letter has been forwarded to WIA.

SustainaWOOL Registration ID Transmission

The group was advised that a letter will be sent to brokers requesting the SustainaWOOL registration ID be transmitted in the 25A record.

ACK Time Stamp

The time stamp in the ACK document is not currently in the file structure, the handbook will be updated to bring it into the file structure to document it properly. Also, there is a need to truncate some error messages.

The text field is used in other documents, there will need to be a new text field added in the ACK document to allow for a time stamp.

Late Papers

There were a lot of late papers and emails for this meeting, should there be a cut off.

Late papers will come, but if they are late it may affect the ability for a decision to be made.

Anything the day before a meeting should not be allowed.

13. Next Meeting

9:30am AEDT Tuesday the 4th of February 2020 (Face-to-Face at AWTA Melbourne)

9:00am AEST Tuesday the 21st of April 2020

9:00am AEST Tuesday the 16th of June 2020

9:00am AEDT Tuesday the 13th of October 2020