

**SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOOL INDUSTRY EDP USERS GROUP
HELD ON TUESDAY THE 16th OF JUNE 2020**

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1. Data integrity and Data Ownership

The working group met, the group felt it was the network providers role to maintain the data integrity. When data is sent it must never be changed and cannot be sent to a third party for any other reason. The proposal is to add notes to the handbook.

It was noted that WIEDPUG do not have a role in this. First point of contact is with network providers unless it is a data format question which goes to WIEDPUG.

2. NWD Update Changes for eSpeci

NWD version 8 has been released and will be effective 1 July 2020, proposed changes were presented.

A query on the proposed field names was made, this will be discussed later in the eSpeci agenda item.

A query was made as to why “not declared” was required for the ceased mulesing questions. They are required in software to have an option to not declare, which on paper is equivalent to not completing the form.

The group decided that the eSpeci working group need to decide on the wording and format.

3. Sale ID Naming Convention

It was brought to the groups attention that there are some providers that are unable to conform to the two-character centre convention in the sale ID field. This makes it difficult to implement business needs when providers are unable to work with the standard. This is tabled for user group information. Recently sale ID's for the Centenary Auction and alternative auction naming conventions were an issue.

A WIEDPUG representative advised that their company cannot handle the two characters, there are four other companies that were known. They felt the sale ID issue can be dealt with a single character, work arounds could be used, is it necessary?

Other representatives felt that the formats have been in place for a long time, organisations should allow for two characters, it was two characters right from the start. An example of issues caused is when running multiple show floors across multiple states it adds complexities, needing multiple lot ranges. Need two-character sale centre ID's to reduce complexity.

4. Compliance Notices on Delivery/PSC Values in Catalogues

Over the past two handbook releases AWEX have invested effort in improving definitions such

as the Tasmanian freight equalisation. There are some companies that are still not completing fields correctly, these companies are notified.

Buyers do not have confidence in 50% of post-sale charges fields. Assumptions are made by buyers.

ACWEP offered to be involved and escalate, speaking with the relevant parties.

It was enquired if the EDI networks could reject based on compliance. If networks did this it is possible 90% of transmission could be rejected.

5. Internationalisation of Fields

Mr Wilkinson was not in attendance at the meeting.

Any feedback on the paper can be sent to Mr Wilkinson.

Mr Wilkinson joined the meeting at 9:55am and the issue was revisited.

Needed to clarify points outlined in paper, items such as currencies were not included.

6. DFDL Standard

The paper was a result of observation coming from the eSpeci working group discussions.

DFDL is used to describe records in a standardised way it does so via schemas which are based on XML schemas.

DFDL software can be used to transfer data in an independent manner across systems.

7. XML Standards

Feedback has been received from AWTA, AWEX, Business Dashboards and NCWSB, all other organisation were invited to provide feedback.

AWH and Talman advised that they will provide feedback.

8. General Updates

Electronic Classer Specifications

No progress, working on other matters.

Strategy Paper

This was noted at WIA, nothing more than the letter coming back from WIA.

It was noted that the resourcing of WIEDPUG has served well in a maintenance role however there is a significant amount of time put in by some representatives,

there needs to be fairness. For significant work in the future, resourcing needs to be looked at.

It was decided a model for resourcing future WIEDPUG work was required and it would need a members meeting discuss a model.

WIEDPUG Testing

The proposal had been put through by Talman due to its involvement with the OZDE network, under the current situation they will step out and will only participate with their client software for testing.

AWTA has implemented a test network, information will be distributed in the next week or so for connecting to and using the test network. The AWTA network handles multiple versions, representatives need to be aware of that.

All that the AWTA network requires for testing is notice of sales being sent so a roster can be set up. There is no test plan, organisations need to work separately. AWTA will maintain a registry but it will be one to one testing.

AWH will set up test plans and co-ordinate with appropriate parties.

AWTA will be providing a new testing URL to use. Users can use the TST & TSP extensions or existing extensions in the test URL, production will not handle the TST & TSP extensions. The handbook will be updated when testing protocols are finalised.

Wool Classer Stencil Publication

The WIEDPUG letter and response from AWEX were provided.

To request any changes a request would need to be directed to AWEX.

It was enquired if this is a data integrity issue?

Working Group Decision Guidelines

Guidelines have been distributed, there has not been any feedback yet.

LI/GI response on AWTA network

AWTA has implemented a workaround for LI/GI transmissions. As this looping is no longer required it will be taken out.

81/84 record looping changes

Updates are required due to a change in the 84 record, there needs to be three loops

instead of two.

In the future the looping of 80/81/83/84 may need to be looked at.

08 record on AWTA network

The AWTA network was initially unable to process the 08 record, this has now been implemented.

AWI Letter

The letter from AWI was forwarded to WIA and a reply sent to Stuart McCullough.

The response from WIA noted the receipt of the letter and that the issue will be handled by WIA, it is no longer a WIEDPUG issue.

The secretary will forward the WIA email response to the group.

PIC Data in Catalogues

Following on from a late response from WIA the PIC data was removed from transmission.

NWD Release

Feedback from the meeting was given to the AWEX NWD administrator.

9. Other Business

Sending of WIEDPUG emails by BCC

It was suggested that there is no reason not to know who emails are going to, it was thought to be helpful.

It will be trialled using open copy for WIEDPUG emails.

WIEDPUG Meeting Length

A two-hour limit on meetings was proposed so people can plan their day for non-face to face to meetings.

The agenda will be timed to fit into two hours, if required agenda items will be held over to the next meeting or reconvene if the item is deemed urgent.

Suggestion to use Zoom for future meetings

It was suggested that Zoom could be used for future WIEDPUG meetings. Some representatives preferred phone conferences.

Teams was suggested as alternative as the technology was thought to be better. Also,

Teams may be better as this is being used for working groups.

It was decided to wait for more use and feedback from working groups.

10. Next Meetings

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

9:30am AEDT Tuesday the 2nd of February 2021 (Face-to-Face at AWTA Melbourne)

9:00am AEST Tuesday the 20th of April 2021

9:00am AEST Tuesday the 8th of June 2021