# members'update

## 2023 Review of the National Wool Declaration

Following the release of NWD v9.3 (see Appendix 1), the AWEX Board announced that a comprehensive review of the NWD would be undertaken in 2023, for implementation in July 2024. The proposed timeframe will ensure there is sufficient time for the consideration of all submissions and subsequent consultation with industry, and to facilitate a smooth transition to the next version.

The 2023 Review of the NWD will be undertaken by AWEX through an Industry Consultative Committee (NWD ICC). An Independent Chair will be appointed to the NWD ICC, with Committee members appointed in consultation with industry representative bodies.

This Review aims to ensure that the NWD is fit for purpose and that the declarations can be substantiated through the NWD-IP. The Review will consider the following topics *as well as any other aspect of the NWD and its Integrity Program:* 

 The relevance of the current mulesing status declarations, viz. Non Mulesed (NM), Ceased Mulesing (CM), mulesed with Analgesic &/or Anaesthetic products (AA), treated with Liquid Nitrogen (LN) and Mulesed (M).

Note, for consistency across the Australian wool industry, the definition of Mulesing is sourced from the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines.

- The potential inclusion of "other" breech modification alternatives or animal welfare declarations within the NWD.
- The user-friendliness of the NWD with respect to its correct completion by the owner/manager and data entry by wool broking staff.
- The NWD declaration and compliance rates, and Premiums and Discounts, and how it is being received by industry (see Appendix 2).
- The NWD-IP, involving desktop audits, verification of the use of AA and LN and on farm inspections for NM and CM.
- Communication plans for the release of NWD Version 10.

#### **Consultation Period is Now Open**

Industry stakeholders are invited to make a submission to the 2023 Review of the NWD. The consultation period is open from today through to the Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

## All submissions must be in writing and include the name and address of the author/organisation.

## Submissions must be received by AWEX by Close of Business on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Emails are preferred.

When making a submission, please include the topic(s) and the background to the topic(s) as well as the reasoning/statistics behind any proposed change(s).

To provide feedback to NWD ICC for the 2023 Review, please use the following contact:

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#### **APPENDIX 1**

### WOOL CLASSER'S SPECIFICATION Page ( ) of ( )

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Non Mulesed <i>(NM)</i>	No sheep in this mob have been m	ulesed^ or treated with liqu	uid nitroger	n <b>#</b> .			
Liquid Nitrogen <i>(LN)</i>	Sheep in this mob have been treate	ed with liquid nitrogen#.					
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compliant with health and safety rules, and will advise AWEX if a scheduled inspection would be unsafe.



#### APPENDIX 2: NWD Declaration & Compliance Rates, and Premiums & Discounts

#### 1. Declaration Rates for Mulesing Status

Figures based on % sum of bales, all breeds & wool types, first-hand offered, P&D Certs, excl. NZ.

Table 1Declaration Rates (%) by Mulesing Status and State for Seasons 2010 – 2022 (31/12/2).<br/>Note, insufficient LN declared to record a %.

Season	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2021	2022
National Decl. Rate	42.2	44.8	49.5	61.2	70.2	76.1	75.3	72.8
			By Mulesin	g Status				
NM	5.5	6.6	7.5	9.9	13.0	15.1	17.6	17.6
СМ	3.1	2.4	2.8	2.9	2.5	4.1	3.0	2.7
AA	8.4	14.3	18.8	27.7	35.6	40.6	40.5	42.3
Μ	25.3	21.4	20.4	20.6	19.1	16.3	14.2	10.2
ND	57.8	55.2	50.5	38.8	29.8	23.9	24.8	27.1
			By Sta	ate				
NSW	43.2	49.6	56.3	68.1	75.3	81.4	80.0	77.3
QLD	30.0	38.2	39.5	52.7	75.0	80.3	84.2	86.5
SA	43.6	44.8	55.7	66.6	77.1	83.0	81.3	77.5
TAS	69.1	55.3	50.8	79.9	81.6	87.0	81.2	84.4
VIC	45.3	51.0	60.9	76.0	82.3	82.8	80.1	76.4
WA	36.5	28.4	20.9	31.1	40.3	50.7	51.5	50.1

Table 2a NWD Declaration Rates (%) Mulesing Status and State for Season 2021

Mulesing Status	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total Bales
NM	21.4	35.5	10.6	40.2	21.1	5.6	241,934
СМ	3.2	2.9	2.2	9.8	4.2	0.6	41,554
AA	39.9	29.7	52.6	27.3	42.3	33.1	555,204
Μ	15.5	16.1	15.9	3.9	13.5	12.2	196,729
ND	20.0	15.8	18.7	18.9	18.8	48.4	345,928
Total Bales	579,825	40,450	227,045	45,601	298,022	281,273	1,381,349
% Declared	80.0	84.8	81.3	81.2	81.1	51.5	74.7

#### Table 2b NWD Declaration Rates (%) Mulesing Status and State for S22 (31/12/22)

% Declared	77.3	86.5	77.5	84.4	76.4	50.1	72.9
Total Bales	272,624	23,803	99,150	21,812	108,748	114,402	640,539
ND	22.7	13.5	22.5	15.6	23.7	49.9	173,620
Μ	11.6	7.5	13.0	5.6	7.7	8.5	65,578
LN	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	117
AA	40.4	35.8	53.0	31.1	48.2	35.4	271,110
CM	3.1	5.8	2.1	7.4	3.2	0.5	17,544
NM	22.1	37.5	9.4	40.3	17.3	5.7	112,570
Mulesing Status	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total Bales

#### **APPENDIX 2**



#### Table 3a NWD Declaration Rates (%) by Mulesing Status & MFD (µm) for Season 2021

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Mulesing Status	<18.6	18.6 - 20.5	20.6 - 24.5	>24.5	Total Bales
NM	18.5	9.5	13.7	38.4	260,634
CM	4.4	2.7	1.7	1.9	43,803
AA	49.7	46.9	36.8	10.8	601,047
Μ	10.9	15.3	18.8	13.4	210,539
ND	16.4	25.6	29.1	35.4	368,156
% Declared	83.6	74.3	70.9	64.6	1,484,179

#### Table 3b NWD Declaration Rates (%) by Mulesing Status & MFD ( $\mu$ m) for S22 (31/12/22)

Mulesing Status	<18.6	18.6 - 20.5	20.6 - 24.5	>24.5	<b>Total Bales</b>
NM	19.7	9.9	14.1	36.8	112,570
CM	3.6	2.9	1.7	1.6	17,544
AA	50.7	47.8	39.2	12.7	271,110
LN	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	117
Μ	7.8	11.9	13.6	7.6	65,578
ND	18.2	27.5	31.5	41.2	173,620
% Declared	81.8	72.5	68.5	58.8	640,539

#### Table 4a NWD Declaration Rates (%) by Mulesing Status & Breed/Micron (µm) for Season 2021

Breed			Merino			Crossbred					
Mulesing Status	<18.6	18.6-20.5	20.6– 24.6	>24.6	Total	<18.6	18.6- 20.5	20.6– 24.6	>24.6	Total	
NM	18.5	9.5	7.0	26.5	12.6	27.1	33.2	38.3	38.5	37.4	
СМ	4.4	2.7	1.9	2.6	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.9	1.7	
AA	49.8	46.9	43.9	14.4	47.5	20.4	8.7	10.5	10.8	10.7	
Μ	10.9	15.3	20.8	26.7	14.5	7.7	8.9	11.2	13.4	13.0	
ND	16.4	25.6	26.4	29.7	22.1	44.8	49.1	39.2	35.4	36.2	
Total Bales	470,752	538,635	191,339	501	1,201,227	181	1,270	54,038	227,800	283,279	

Table 4b NWD Declaration Rates (%) by Mulesing Status & AWEX ID Breed/Micron (µm) for S22 (31/12/22)

Breed		1	Merino					Crossbre	d	
Mulesing Status	<18.6	18.6-20.5	20.6- 24.6	>24.6	Total	<18.6	18.6- 20.5	20.6- 24.6	>24.6	Total
NM	19.6	9.8	8.2	18.0	13.4	46.7	36.1	39.3	36.8	37.3
CM	3.6	2.9	2.0	0.0	3.0	17.8	0.0	0.4	1.6	1.4
AA	50.7	47.9	45.5	9.0	48.6	8.9	13.5	14.4	12.8	12.7
LN (M=112, XB=5)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Μ	7.9	11.9	16.0	40.2	11.0	3.0	10.9	3.1	7.5	6.7
ND	19.2	27.4	28.3	32.8	24.0	26.7	39.5	44.9	41.3	41.9
Total Bales	207,084	235,040	86,427	122	528,673	135	762	20,218	90,751	111,866



#### 2. Compliance Rates for the NWD-IP

Table 5	<b>NWD-IP</b> Compliance	Rates (%) for Season	s 2010 – 2022 (YTD 31/12/22)
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Season	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2019	2019 2020		2022
		9	% Comp	% (No.)	% (No.)	% (No.)	% (No.)		
Desk Audit (%)	65	68	77	87	80	83 (1,495) <b>a</b>	89 (1,856) <b>b</b>	93 (1454) <b>c</b>	92 (760) <b>d</b>
AA Verification (%)	88	89	76	93	96	95 (494)	96 (452)	95 (292)	95 (174)
Inspections (%)	84	87	82	89	80	92 (65)	94 (310)	95 (77)	97 (125)

#### Desk Audits

NWD Desk Audit Non-Compliances are corrected prior to sale, with brokers notified. Extra Desk Audits are conducted on the NWD/Specis (requested from the broker) of auction and privately sold Brands when a Mulesing Status Certificate check is undertaken. Other Declaration issues include NWD not signed or provided, no mobs details, cannot trace mob to sale lot (or vice versa) etc.

*a* Season 2019 (n = 1,495) – 17% Non-Compliance comprises: 9% CM Status not Confirmed, 6% Data Entry Error & 2% Other Declaration Issues.

**b** Season 2020 (n = 1,727) – **11%** Non-Compliance comprises: **4%** CM Status not Confirmed, **5%** Data Entry Error & **2%** Other Declaration Issues.

*c* Season 2021 (n = 1,454) – 6.7% Non Compliance comprises: 2% CM Status Not Confirmed, 2.5% Data Entry Error & 2.2% Other Declaration Issues.

*d* Season 2022 (n = 760) – 8.0% Non Compliance comprises: 3.0% CM Status Not Confirmed, 2.8% Data Entry Errors & 2.2% Other Declaration Issues.

#### 3. Premium and Discounts for Mulesing Status

#### Table 6Premiums and Discounts for Mulesing Status, Seasons 2015, 2020 – 2022 (YTD 31/12/22)

					<b>MERINO</b>					NON-N	<b>IERINO</b>	
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	27	28	29	30
					NON N	IULESED	(NM)					
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Criteria for Calculation of Ps and Ds for Mulesing Status:

- Australian Stored; Merino Fleece/Weaners and Crossbred Fleece.

- >30 N/ktex, >60% Schlum Dry, <2.2 VMB, Styles 4/5, Good/light colour (incl. H1), P Cert.
- Lengths according to Diameter Range: 70–95 mm (<18 μm), 75–99 mm (19–21 μm), 83–104 mm (22–24 μm), 90–110 mm (26–29 μm), 100–130 mm (30–34 μm).</li>
- Records per group (micron/NWD status) >2, empty cells when not enough data to generate a P or D.
- Comparison with Prices for wool declared as <u>Mulesed</u>.