## members'update

3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2023

### National Wool Declaration V10.0 - Finalised

Upon the release of the NWD V9.3, AWEX committed to review the NWD in 2023. The AWEX Board agreed to form a new committee, the Industry Consultative Committee (ICC), to undertake this review. The ICC consisted of representatives of industry associations including ACWEP, IWBA, NCWSBA, PTWMA & WPA.

The 2023 NWD review involved extensive consultation and feedback with industry covering a broad list of topics, and AWEX appreciated the constructive comments and support received from organisations and individuals.

In undertaking this Review, the ICC was aware that NWD V9.3 had only recently been implemented (25 July 2022) and committed to not making change for change's sake but to make constructive changes or improvements where required. Considering this, no major changes were recommended.

The approved key changes to the NWD V10.0 are:

- (a) The retention of LN in the NWD, using the current definition, and
- (b) The current definition (NWD V10.0) of CM be retained with the addition that eligibility for CM is defined within the NWD Definitions/Supporting Explanations viz.

Ceased	No lambs born on this property in the last 12 months have been mulesed <sup>^</sup> .
Mulesing (CM)	No mulesed <sup>^</sup> (or AA) ewes or wethers have been purchased in the last 12 months.
	<i>Note:</i> For a property to be eligible for CM status, the answer to both CM property questions must be No.

(c) The definition of NM be changed from "No sheep in this mob have been mulesed or treated with liquid nitrogen" to "Sheep in this mob <u>have not</u> been mulesed or treated with liquid nitrogen."

The attached NWD V10.0 template includes the approved categories, their definitions and supporting explanations.

#### OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

AWEX will progress:

- to investigate making an application to the ACCC to make the NWD mandatory, noting the first step is to determine whether all of industry is supportive of this approach and documenting gaps and/or consequences, if any,
- the development of an industry communications plan, accompanied with endorsements from our customers, to promote and support the uptake of the NWD, and
- the development of standardised NWD templates for the use of brokers and private treaty merchants to ensure consistency in their documentation.

#### IMPORTANT:

Industry stakeholders developing documents or stationery must not change any wording or definitions in the NWD V10.0. This is to ensure consistency of the NWD, to maximise the integrity of all Australian declarations, and to provide our customers with clarity on each NWD category thereby enabling informed purchasing decisions.

AWEX can provide a standardised landscape and portrait Classer's Specification including the NWD, as well as a single page NWD template. A broker's company logo can be added to the preferred format. A separate NWD is available to add to the bottom of each broker's current Specification. Please contact AWEX to facilitate this.

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#### **IMPLEMENTATION:**

The NWD V10.0 will come into effect on 1 July 2024. However, all selling agents are encouraged to adopt NWD V10.0 as soon as they next print shearing stationery.

In this instance, release prior to the mid-year recess is appropriate, as there are no business logic changes causing significant impact to wool industry software.

The implementation and communication strategy is:

- 1. October 2023:
  - Release of NWD V10.0 to industry stakeholders,
  - Release Business Rules with changes (b) and (c) listed above,
  - Update WoolClip with changes (b) and (c) listed above,
  - Commence communications campaign, and
  - NWD brochures, templates and FAQ documentation updated, released to industry, and published on the AWEX website www.awex.com.au.
- 2. 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024:
  - All declarations submitted after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 should be made using NWD V10.0.
  - NWD V9.3 or earlier Versions received prior to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 will remain valid.

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WOOL CLASSER'S SPECIFICATION Page ( ) of ( **BROKER-ID/LOGO** FARM BRAND **BUSINESS DETAILS** SHEARING DETAILS Is this Shearing Complete (Y/N)..... Business Name..... ABN.....GST Reg (Y/N)..... Est. No. Bales in this Shearing..... Contact Name..... Date Shearing Completed..... WOOL NO. / CLIENT CODE Tick Box if "ePack" Postal Address..... OFFERING INSTRUCTIONS .....P/C..... Quality Scheme(s) or Other Information..... 1<sup>st</sup> Available (Y/N)..... Mob.....Ph/Fax.... **DELIVERY CENTRE** Other..... Email ..... ..... WOOL CLASSER DETAILS Stencil No. **Office Use Only** Individual Bale Numbers No. Mob Bin **Bale Description Classer's Comments** Bales Numbers Code AM MS 2 3 9 11 12 Lot / Sale 1 4 5 6 7 8 10 NATIONAL WOOL DECLARATION V10.0, September 2023 **TOTAL BALES** Mob Status (see Definitions/Supporting Explanations) Ceased Mulesing Status - Please answer the following questions (circle answers) NM: Sheep in this mob have not been mulesed or treated with liquid nitrogen. 1. Have any lambs born on this property been mulesed in the last 12 months? Yes or No LN: Sheep have been treated with liquid nitrogen. 2. Have any mulesed (or AA) ewes/wethers been purchased in the last 12 months? Yes or No AA: Sheep have been mulesed with an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product. AWEX M: Sheep have been mulesed without an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product. **Property Identification Code (PIC)** VM **Comments, Mob Matching Information,** Crutched within 3 Age/ Contact with Mob Wool Bale Range or Mob Status Mob Breed Sex Shearing Shedding Crutched months prior to Length (Low. Med or Additional PICs (circle one per mob) 1<sup>st</sup> Bale in Mob Code Code No. Code Breeds (Y/N) (Y/N)Shearing (Y/N) or High) (mm) NM LN AA M NM LN AA M NM LN AA M LN AA Μ NM NM LN AA М By signing this National Wool Declaration, I warrant that (a) I am authorised to complete this declaration & confirm that all details contained in it are true & correct, (b) I authorise the selling agent to submit this document to the Australian Wool Exchange (AWEX), if requested, for the purpose of the Integrity Program & (c) I understand that random desk audits & on farm inspections are undertaken, the results of which may be made available to the buvers of the declared wool & the selling agent. Details of the AWEX NWD - Integrity Program & Privacy Policy are available on the AWEX website: www.awex.com.au 

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Non Mulesed <i>(NM)</i>	Sheep in this mob have not been mulesed <sup>4</sup> or treated with liquid nitrogen#.							
Liquid Nitrogen (LN)	Sheep in this mob have been treated with liquid nitrogen#.							
Analgesic &/or Anaesthetic (AA)	Sheep in this mob have been mulesed <sup>A</sup> with the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA.							
Mulesed (M)	Sheep in this mob have been mulesed <sup>A</sup> without the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA							
Ceased Mulesing (CM)	No lambs born on this property in the last 12 months have been mulesed <sup>4</sup> . No mulesed <sup>4</sup> (or AA) ewes or wethers have been purchased in the last 12 months.							
	<i>Note:</i> For a property to be eligible f	•			must l	he No		
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^Mulesing	The removal of skin from the breech and/or tail of a sheep using mulesing shears.							
-	Source: Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep prepared by Animal Health Australia, V1.0 2016.							
#Liquid Nitrogen		The application of liquid nitrogen where ultra-low temperatures are used to degenerate tissue and result in the remova						
	of skin from the breech <u>and/or</u> tail of a sheep.							
Mobs of Mixed Status For mobs of mixed status, use the lowest applicable status according to this hierarchy, NM > LN > AA								
	For example, declare AA for a mob		eep, or dec	clare M for a mob co	ontainir	ng LN and M she	эe	
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Shedding Breeds	Breeds that shed fibre (e.g. Afrikaner, Australian White, Awassi, Damara, Black Headed and White Dorper, Karaku Meatmaster, Persian, Van Rooy, Wiltipoll, Wiltshire Horn).							
Contact with Shedding Breeds	Mated to, or run together since the previous shearing, with shedding breed sheep or their crosses (includes lambs from shedding breed sheep or their crosses).							
Completir	ng the NWD		1	NWD Codes				
$\rightarrow$ The Owner/Manager is responsib	Age/Shearing Co	ode	Breed Code		Sex Code			
<ul> <li>correctly.</li> <li>→ To complete the NWD: <ul> <li>Answer the two Ceased Mulesing Property questions.</li> <li>Record the PIC.</li> <li>Complete the Mob Details (Mob No., Mob Status, Age/Shearing Code, Breed Code, Sex Code, Contact with Shedding Breeds</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		1 <sup>st</sup> Shearing	1	Merino	Μ	Ewes		
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Shearing to 2 years	2	Afrino	FO	Wethers		
		3 years	3	SAMM	SM	Rams		
		4 years	4	Corriedale	CD	Mixed (E/W/R)		
		5 years	5	Polwarth	PW		/	
and Shearing/Crutching H	6, 7, 8 years etc.	6, 7, 8	Crossbred	XB				
<ul> <li>The Owner/Manager mus</li> <li>→ The Wool Classer will complete the</li> </ul>	Mixed age, e.g. 4 to 6	4 – 6 or	Downs	DN				
•	years	4, 5, 6	Shedding Breeds	SB	AWEX			
Specification, including filling out	Specification, including filling out the Bale Range for each Mob, and the Mob Numbers for <u>all lines</u> of wool.				T		5	

Work, Health & Safety: In addition to completing this NWD, the Owner/Manager is also responsible for participation in the Integrity Program, which includes random desk audits and on farm inspections. The Owner/Manager acknowledges and agrees that they will participate in the on farm inspection in a way that is compliant with health and safety rules, and will advise AWEX if a scheduled inspection would be unsafe.