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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 Mulesing (CM)	No lambs born on this property in the last 12 months have been mulesed [^] . No mulesed [^] (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.
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- (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 have not 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.

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. 1st July 2024:

- All declarations submitted after 1st July 2024 should be made using NWD V10.0.
- NWD V9.3 or earlier Versions received prior to 1st July 2024 will remain valid.

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National Wool Declaration (NWD) Definitions/Supporting Explanations

Please use the most accurate definition that applies to each mob. Mobs treated with Liquid Nitrogen must be declared as LN.

Definitions

Non Mulesed (NM)	Sheep in this mob <u>have not</u> been mulesed [^] or treated with liquid nitrogen [#] .
Liquid Nitrogen (LN)	Sheep in this mob <u>have</u> been treated with liquid nitrogen [#] .
Analgesic &/or Anaesthetic (AA)	Sheep in this mob have been mulesed [^] <u>with</u> the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA.
Mulesed (M)	Sheep in this mob have been mulesed [^] <u>without</u> 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 [^] . No mulesed [^] (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.

Supporting Explanations

[^]Mulesing	The removal of skin from the breech <u>and/or</u> tail of a sheep using mulesing shears. <i>Source:</i> 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 removal of skin from the breech <u>and/or</u> tail of a sheep.
Mobs of Mixed Status	For <u>mobs of mixed status</u> , use the lowest applicable status according to this hierarchy, NM > LN > AA > M > ND. For example, declare AA for a mob containing NM and AA sheep, or declare M for a mob containing LN and M sheep.

Shedding Breeds Definitions

Shedding Breeds	Breeds that shed fibre (e.g. Afrikaner, Australian White, Awassi, Damara, Black Headed and White Dorper, Karakul, 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).

Completing the NWD

- The Owner/Manager is responsible for ensuring the NWD is completed correctly.
- To complete the NWD:
 - Answer the two Ceased Mulesing Property questions.
 - Record the PIC.
 - Complete the Mob Details (Mob No., Mob Status, Age/Shearing Code, Breed Code, Sex Code, Contact with Shedding Breeds and Shearing/Crutching History).
 - The Owner/Manager must Sign and Date the Declaration.
- The Wool Classer will complete the remainder of the Classer's Specification, including filling out the Bale Range for each Mob, and the Mob Numbers for all lines of wool.

NWD Codes

Age/Shearing Code		Breed Code		Sex Code	
1 st Shearing	1	Merino	M	Ewes	E
2 nd Shearing to 2 years	2	Afrino	FO	Wethers	W
3 years	3	SAMM	SM	Rams	R
4 years	4	Corriedale	CD	Mixed (E/W/R)	M
5 years	5	Polwarth	PW		
6, 7, 8 years etc.	6, 7, 8...	Crossbred	XB		
Mixed age, e.g. 4 to 6 years	4 – 6 or 4, 5, 6	Downs	DN		
		Shedding Breeds	SB		
NWD V10.0, September 2023		Carpet Wool	CW		

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.