

10 January 2020

2019 Review of the National Wool Declaration

The 2019 review of the National Wool Declaration (NWD) is almost complete.

AWEX would like to thank the 58 Australian and international stakeholders who provided written submissions to this review and those who have been in contact with AWEX since.

The number of submissions indicates the high level of support and interest in the NWD. It also demonstrates that the NWD is globally recognised as a trusted declaration that adds value to wool through the supply chain by providing greater traceability and integrity.

The AWEX Board has accepted several recommendations and is now seeking further industry comment and feedback on the proposed DRAFT NWD v8.0 (attached).

Approved for Implementation

The following changes to the NWD have been accepted:

- The Mulesing Status code “PR” is to be replaced with “AA” (AA = All sheep in this mob were treated with a registered Analgesic and/or Anaesthetic product at mulesing),
- The Ceased Mulesing (CM) declaration is to be reformatted into two questions to improve understanding and reduce errors. The definition has not changed.

Where ‘No’ is the response to both questions, the property meets CM requirements.

In addition, some minor changes have been made to the NWD template for ease of completion.

Consultation and Feedback

Identification of Alternative Methods to Mulesing

The AWEX Board has given significant consideration as to whether; and/or how, alternative methods to mulesing should be recognised in the NWD.

It is proposed the current Mulesing Status of NM be replaced with the following two categories:

NM1	No sheep in this mob has been mulesed, and an alternative* method to mulesing <u>has not</u> been used.
NM2	No sheep in this mob has been mulesed, and an alternative* method to mulesing <u>has</u> been used.

**Methods using any of the following: Liquid Nitrogen, Clips, Intradermal Injections.*

This proposal (illustrated in the DRAFT NWD v8.0):

- Recognises that both categories identify wool from sheep that have not been mulesed,
- Maintains the value of NM status,
- Provides continuity of reporting (of method), and
- Provides customers of Australian wool with greater depth of information.

Consultation and Feedback Period

AWEX Members and industry stakeholders are invited to provide feedback on the above proposal and the DRAFT NWD v8.0.

The consultation period is now open and submissions *must be received by:*

Close of Business on Friday 31st January 2020.

Submissions must be in writing and include the name and address of the author/organisation. Emails are welcome and encouraged to ensure submissions are received by the closing date.

At the conclusion of the consultation period, the feedback will be provided to the AWEX Board for its consideration.

Feedback is to be returned by COB 31 January 2020 to:

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National Wool Declaration (NWD) Definitions

Non Mulesed (NM1)	All sheep in this mob are not mulesed* and an alternative# method to mulesing <u>has not</u> been used.
Non Mulesed (NM2)	All sheep in this mob are not mulesed* and an alternative# method to mulesing <u>has</u> been used.
Ceased Mulesing (CM)	<u>No lamb</u> born on this property in the last 12 months <u>has been mulesed*</u> . No purchased ewes/wethers <u>are mulesed*</u> .
Analgesic/Anaesthetic	All sheep in this mob were treated with a <u>registered Analgesic and/or Anaesthetic product at mulesing*</u> .
Mulesed (M)	<u>Some/all sheep</u> in this mob have been mulesed*.
* Mulesing	The removal of skin from the breech <u>and/or</u> tail of a sheep using mulesing shears. <i>Source: Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep.</i>
# Alternative Methods	Methods using any of the following: Liquid Nitrogen, Clips, Intradermal Injections.
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 in the same paddock as, shedding breed sheep/lambs or their crosses.

How to Complete the NWD

- The **Owner/Manager** is responsible for completing & signing the NWD.
- To declare the Mulesing Status and/or DMFR for each mob (and each line of wool) the **Owner/Manager** must:
 - **Record the PIC.**
 - Answer the **two Property questions.**
 - Complete all the **NWD Mob questions** (Mob No., Mob Mulesing Status, Age/Shareaing Code, Breed Code, Sex Code, Shedding Breeds and Crutching History).
 - **Sign and Date the Declaration.**
- The **Wool Classer** will complete the remainder of the Classer's Specification, **including** filling out the **1st Bale No. for 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, e.g. 3 to 6 years	3 - 6	Downs	DN		
NWD V8.0, DRAFT 2020				Shedding Breeds	SB
				Carpet Wool	CW

