

National Wool Declaration (NWD) V9.1

Business Rules for MS

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Release Note - Introduction

This document applies to the National Wool Declaration (NWD) Version 9.1 (see Appendix 1 and AWEX website www.awex.com.au). This version was released on 15th December 2021 and is effective from 25th July 2022.

The NWD is an industry recognised form that allows a wool grower to declare their on-farm animal husbandry/welfare practices on mobs of sheep, in this instance, specifically in relation to mulesing and liquid nitrogen. As a naming convention, this document will refer to mob declarations as Mob Mulesing Status (MMS). The Declaration values on this form are; in turn, translated into Mulesing Status (MS) values for sale lots of wool. This document details the technical business rules for both on farm and post farm use.

SECTION A: ON FARM

1. Definition of 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.

2. Definition of 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 and/or tail of a sheep.

3. Registration of Analgesic &/or Anaesthetic Products

All Analgesic &/or Anaesthetic products used at mulesing or with liquid nitrogen must be registered for use by APVMA.

4. Declaration Criteria

- The MMS code may be declared on all Sheep Breeds (Merino, Crossbred, Downs etc.) and Ages on a recognised NWD V9.1 document.
- A recognised NWD V9.1 complies with all the industry agreed definitions and audit requirements and is associated with an accompanying Wool Classer’s Specification.

5. Third-Party Quality/Integrity Registration Schemes

There are several third-party Quality/Integrity Registration Schemes that include animal welfare practices (such as mulesing or liquid nitrogen), which may be recorded on the Wool Classer’s Specification. The Scheme Names can be published using the Quality Scheme field in the printed and electronic catalogues.

The Sale Lot MS code can only be generated from a recognised NWD V9.1. The MMS code is not to be derived from a third-party scheme.

6. NWD MMS Codes and Definitions

MMS codes declared using the NWD V9.1 are based on Mob level definitions, with these defined in the table below.

Mob MS	Name	Definition/Meaning (if Code used)
NM	Non Mulesed	No sheep in this mob have been mulesed [^] or treated with liquid nitrogen [#] .
LN	Liquid Nitrogen	Sheep in this mob have been treated with liquid nitrogen [#] .
AA	Mulesed with Analgesic/ Anaesthetic	Sheep in this mob have been mulesed [^] <u>with</u> the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA.
M	Mulesed	Sheep in this mob have been mulesed [^] <u>without</u> the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA.

[^]See definition of Mulesing in Section A, Item 1. [#]See definition of Liquid Nitrogen in Section A, Item 2.

Note, only NM, LN, AA, or M may be declared for each Mob.

7. The National Wool Declaration

- (a) The NWD is the responsibility of the Owner/Manager of a property.

When signing the NWD, the Owner/Manager warrants that: “By signing this National Wool Declaration, I warrant that (a) I am authorised to complete this declaration and confirm that all details contained in it are true and 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 and (c) I understand that random desk audits and on farm inspections are undertaken, the results of which may be made available to the buyers of the declared wool and the selling agent. Details of the AWEX NWD - Integrity Program and Privacy Policy are available on the AWEX website: www.awex.com.au.”

- (b) The NWD must not be completed by the Wool Classer (unless they are the Owner/Manager), Wool Selling Agent or other persons unless under explicit instruction by the Owner/Manager. The Owner/Manager’s signature is still necessary for a valid declaration.
- (c) The NWD is voluntary and may be collected in varying ways depending on Seller preference. That is, some Sellers use a combined Wool Classer’s Specification and NWD form (see pages 8 & 9 for Landscape and 10 & 11 for Portrait), while others use a separate NWD form (see page 12). The NWD V9.1 forms are available on the AWEX website: www.awex.com.au.
The NWD V9.1 may also be completed and submitted electronically.
- (d) Regardless of the cosmetic presentation of the NWD, to be recognised as a valid MMS declaration, the definitions and supporting explanations (as specified in Section 5) must be used by all Sellers. A Seller must not change any of the definitions or supporting explanations in the NWD V9.1. MMS should be declared, as applicable, at the Mob level (NM, LN, AA, or M).
- (e) It is incumbent on the Wool Selling Agent to provide the contact details of the Owner/Manager of the property (Brand/PIC) to AWEX to facilitate any potential verification of AA or LN or an on farm inspection for NM or LN. The contact details include the Owner/Manager name, postal &/or physical address, phone numbers and email address.

8. Mob Level Declaration: Business Rules

The MMS of individual mobs should be declared according to the following rules:

- (a) If a mob comprises one MMS, viz.:
 - only NM sheep, it should be declared as NM.
 - only LN sheep, it should be declared as LN
 - only AA sheep, it should be declared as AA.
 - only M sheep, it should be declared as M.
 - only sheep of unknown MS, it should not be declared, resulting in Not Declared [ND]~ in the Sale Catalogue or Test Certificate.

~Square brackets [] are used in this document to refer to a Sale Lot MS code (for ease of reading). The [] are not published in Sale Catalogues or Test Certificates.

- (b) The hierarchy for MMS is: NM > LN > AA > M > ND. For mobs of mixed MMS (e.g. the mob is not drafted prior to shearing), the following applies:

Where a mob contains mixed MMS, the lowest MMS applies					
MMS	→				
	NM	LN	AA	M	ND

Example 1: If a mob contains LN and AA sheep, using the hierarchy, moving left to right along the horizontal MMS row, the lowest MMS applies, i.e. AA.

Example 2: If a mob contains NM, AA and M sheep, using the hierarchy, moving left to right along the horizontal MMS row, the lowest MMS applies, i.e. M.

SECTION B: POST FARM

1. *Determination of a Valid Declaration*

The minimum requirements for a valid declaration are:

- (a) It must have a Brand.
- (b) It must have a Trading Name.
- (c) It must be signed by the Owner/Manager.
- (d) A MMS of NM, LN, AA, or M must be declared.
- (e) The Owner/Manager's contact details must be provided.

2. *Publication of Sale Lot MS Codes*

- (a) The Sale Lot MS shall be calculated and published in Private/Public Catalogues and Lot Invoices.
- (b) The Sale Lot MS shall be published on the IWTO Test Certificate as "declared information".
- (c) The Sale Lot MS may be published against all Wool Categories (Fleece, Pieces, Bellies, Lambs, Locks, Crutchings etc.) for any Breed.

3. *Definition of Sale Lot MS Codes*

Sale Lot MS Codes published in Sale Catalogues, Test Certificates or Lot Invoices are determined according to the Mob level definitions in Section A, Item 6, which are applied according to the Rules in Section A, Item 8.

4. *Business Rules where Bale/Sale Lot contains Components of Mixed MMS*

Where a bale or Sale Lot contains wool from a mob or mobs of mixed MMS, the lowest MS value shall apply as follows.

The MMS values from highest to lowest are: NM > LN > AA > M > ND.

5. *Calculation Logic for Sellers: Sale Lot MS*

The following rules define the Sale Lot MS for a P, D or F (Wool Preparation Category) Certificate:

- (a) Determine if the NWD is a valid Declaration, see minimum requirements in Section B, Item 1. If the minimum requirements are not met, all associated Sale Lots are deemed Not Declared [ND].
- (b) Determine the MS:
 - If only one mob exists (in the bale or Sale Lot), the MMS of the mob shall apply, or
 - Where a bale or Sale Lot contains multiple mobs of differing MMS, the lowest MMS shall apply, viz. NM > LN > AA > M > ND.

6. *Quick Reference Mapping Table for Sellers: Sale Lot MS*

According to Section B, Items 4 and 5, the following Table maps the NWD V9.1 MMS to Sale Lot MS.

MMS	Sale Lot MS
NM	[NM]
LN	[LN]
AA	[AA]
M	[M]
Not Completed	[ND]

7. Calculation Logic for Sellers: Interlot MS (Sale Lots)

The following rules define the Interlot MS for an I (Wool Preparation Category) Certificate:

- (a) Where the Sale Lot MS is the same for each component of a Family Interlot (i.e. same Brand) or Mixed Source Interlot, that MS value will apply to the Interlot, i.e. [NM], [LN], [AA], [M], or [ND].
- (b) Where the Sale Lot MS is different for any components of a Family Interlot (i.e. same Brand) or Mixed Source Interlot, the lowest MS value will apply to the Interlot. The values from highest to lowest are: [NM] > [LN] > [AA] > [M] > [ND].

8. Calculation Logic for Sellers: Bulk Class MS (Sale Lots)

The following rules define the Bulk Class MS for a B or Q (Wool Preparation Category) Certificate:

- (a) Where the MS is the same for each portion/component of a Bulk Class Sale Lot, that MS value will apply to the Bulk Class Sale Lot, i.e. [NM], [LN], [AA], [M], or [ND].
 - This must be supported by documented evidence provided to AWEX on request, including itemised Wool Classer’s Specifications, NWDs and weights for each portion/component.
- (b) Where the MS is different for any portion/component of a Bulk Class Sale Lot, i.e. [NM], [LN], [AA], [M], or [ND], the MS will be [ND].

9. Calculation Logic for AWTA: Objectively Matched Lot MS (Sale Lots)

The following rules define the OML MS for a M or N (Wool Preparation Category) Certificate:

- (a) Where the Sale Lot MS is the same for each component of an OML, that MS value will apply to the OML, i.e. [NM], [LN], [AA], [M], or [ND].
- (b) Where a component is sampled pre-25 July 2022 and the Sale Lot MS is the same for each component of an OML, that MS value will apply to the OML, i.e. [NM], [CM], [LN], [AA], [M], or [ND].
- (c) Where the Sale Lot MS is different for any component of an OML, the lowest MS value will apply to the OML. The values from highest to lowest are: [NM] > [LN] > [AA] > [M] > [ND].
- (d) Where a component is sampled pre-25 July 2022 and the Sale Lot MS is different for any component of an OML, the lowest MS value will apply to the OML. The values from highest to lowest are: [NM] > [CM] > [LN] > [AA] > [M] > [ND].

10. Seller Rules post-25 July 2022 for MS Declarations based on NWD V8.0 or earlier

Sale Lots (P, D and F Certificates), Interlots (I Certificates) and Bulk Class (B and Q Certificates) require rules to change the MS of lots sampled pre- and post-25 July 2022.

The rules for any lots sampled post-25 July 2022 based on NWD V8.0 or earlier are:

- (a) For Sale Lot MS declared as Non Mulesed [NM], the Seller will apply [NM].
- (b) For Sale Lot MS declared as Mulesed [M], the Seller will change [] to [M].
- (c) For Sale Lot MS declared as Pain Relief [PR], the Seller will change [PR] to [AA].
- (d) For Sale Lot MS declared as Ceased Mulesing [CM]), the Seller will change [CM] to the declared MMS, i.e. [AA] or [M], where supporting documentation (Classer’s Specifications and NWDs) is available, otherwise [ND].

Sellers should note, for any Test Certificate reissues, the rules post-25 July 2022 based on NWD V8.0 or earlier are:

- (e) A Seller request to reissue MS as CM will be accepted if the original Test Certificate was sampled pre-25 July 2022. If the original Test Certificate was sampled on or post-25 July 2022, [ND] will be applied by AWTA.
- (f) For a Seller request to reissue MS on Bulk Class (B and Q Certificates) sampled pre-25 July 2022, the requested MS must be [ND]; if not, [ND] will be applied by AWTA.

Note, a Seller request to reissue Test Certificates for any changes other than MS will also result in the MS being updated, with all the above rules in Section 10 applied by AWTA.

11. AWTA Rules post-25 July 2022 for MS Declarations based on NWD V8.0 or earlier

Sale Lots (P, D and F Certificates), Interlots (I Certificates), Bulk Class (B and Q Certificates) and OMLs (M Certificates) require rules to change the MS of Test Certificates issued post-25 July 2022.

The rules for any Test Request Verification (TRV) received or any Test Certificates reissued, reprinted, retransmitted or combined post-25 July 2022 based on NWD V8.0 or earlier are:

- (a) Where Sale Lot MS is Non Mulesed [NM], AWTA will apply [NM].
- (b) Where Sale Lot MS is Mulesed (M), AWTA will change [] to [M].
- (c) Where Sale Lot MS is Pain Relief [PR], AWTA will change [PR] to [AA].
- (d) Where a Sale Lot MS is Ceased Mulesing [CM], AWTA will change [CM] to [ND], unless the lot was sampled pre-25 July 2022, in which case [CM] will remain a valid code.
- (e) When reissuing MS on Bulk Class (B and Q Certificates) sampled pre-25 July 2022, the requested MS must be [ND]; if not, AWTA will apply [ND].

Note, reissuing Test Certificates for any changes other than MS will also result in the MS being updated, with the above rules applied.

- (f) When reprinting and retransmitting Test Certificates issued pre-25 July 2022, the original MS declarations will be retained, as historical data will not be changed. Sellers/Buyers/Traders can request that these be reissued with the updated MS, which will then be provided on a new Test Certificate, with the above rules applied.
- (g) Combined Test Certificates requested post-25 July 2022 that contain lots that were issued as [PR], [CM] or [] pre-25 July 2022 will retain [PR], [CM] or [] in the sale lot list on the right hand side of the combination, as historical data will not be changed. Where Buyers/Exporters require sale lots to be re-issued, requests should be referred back to the original seller, who will then advise AWTA to reissue the certificate. This must be done prior to requesting the Combination certificate.

12. Quick Reference Mapping Table for NWD V8.0 or earlier, sampled post-25 July 2022

Note, the AWTA Network does not validate the transmission of MS data.

The following table summarises the translation of NWD V8.0 or earlier Sale Lots (P, D and F Certificates), Interlots (I and N Certificates) and OMLs (M Certificate) to NWD V9.1:

NWD V8.0 or earlier sampled post-25 July 2022	
MS Declared	MS Conversion
[NM]	[NM]
[AA]	[AA]
[PR]	[AA]
[]	[M]
[ND]	[ND]
[CM]	[AA], [M] or [ND]

13. National Wool Declaration - Integrity Program

The National Wool Declaration - Integrity Program (NWD-IP) is an extensive program of Desktop Audits/Verifications and On Farm Inspections conducted by the AWEX, which was designed to build wool pipeline and consumer confidence in Australian wool. It aims to:

- (a) establish the accuracy of the NWD with respect to MS declarations,
- (b) provide an independent monitoring and reporting service to industry, and
- (c) in the event of Non Compliance, apply corrective actions to prevent recurrence.

Declarations of NM, LN, or AA are all eligible to be randomly selected for an NWD-IP Desktop Audit, Verification or On Farm Inspection, as per the following:

Desktop Audit – Validate that the correct MMS is published ~1,500 Declarations p/a.

Desktop Verification of LN or AA – Validate mobs declared as LN or AA ~450 Verifications p/a.

Note, alternatively, LN may be validated through an On Farm Inspection.

On Farm Inspection – Validate mobs declared as NM ~225 Inspections p/a.

See Brochure “NWD V9.1 Declaring what the World’s Demanding”, available at www.awex.com.au.

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BROKER-ID/LOGO	FARM BRAND	BUSINESS DETAILS Business Name..... ABN.....GST Reg (Y/N)..... Contact Name..... Postal Address..... Mob.....Ph/Fax..... P/C.....	SHEARING DETAILS Is this Shearing Complete (Y/N)..... Est. No. Bales in this Shearing..... Date Shearing Completed..... Tick Box if "ePack" <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Scheme(s) or Other Information.....
	WOOL NO. / CLIENT CODE		
DELIVERY CENTRE			

WOOL CLASSER DETAILS Stencil No. Name Signature Mob/Ph No.

Office Use Only			No. Bales	Bale Description	Individual Bale Numbers												Mob Numbers	Bin Code	Classer's Comments
Lot / Sale	AM	MS			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			

TOTAL BALES

Fax This End First

Mob Status (see Definitions/Supporting Explanations) NM: No sheep in this mob have been mulesed or treated with liquid nitrogen. LN: Sheep have been treated with liquid nitrogen. AA: Sheep have been mulesed <u>with</u> an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product. M: Sheep have been mulesed <u>without</u> an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product.		NATIONAL WOOL DECLARATION V9.1, JULY 2022 Please enter the Property Identification Code (PIC) <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
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Mob No.	Bale Range or 1 st Bale in Mob	Mob Status (circle <u>one</u> per mob)	Age/ Shearing Code	Breed Code	Sex Code	Contact with Shedding Breeds (Y/N)	Mob Crutched (Y/N)	Crutched within 3 months prior to Shearing (Y/N)	Wool Length (mm)	VM (Low, Med or High)	Comments, Mob Matching Information, or Additional PICs
		NM LN AA M									
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Owner/Manager Name Owner/Manager Signature Date/...../.....

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)	No sheep in this mob have been mulesed [^] 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 [^] <u>with</u> the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA.
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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. 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 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		
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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.

BROKER	FARM BRAND
ABN..... GST Reg (Y/N).....	BUSINESS DETAILS
OFFERING INSTRUCTIONS	Business Name.....
1 st Available Sale (Y/N).....	Contact Name.....
Other.....	Postal Address.....
Wool No. / Client Code <input type="text"/> P/C.....
Delivery Centre.....	Mob..... Ph.....
	Email.....

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WOOL CLASSER'S SPECIFICATION


SHEARING DETAILS
Is this Shearing Complete (Y/N).....
No. of Bales in this Shearing.....
Date Shearing Completed.....
Tick Box if "ePack" <input type="checkbox"/>
Qual. Scheme(s) or Other Info.....

WOOL CLASSER DETAILS																			
Stencil No. <input type="text"/>					Name.....					Signature.....					Mob/Ph.....				
Office Use Only		No. Bales	Bale Description	Individual Bale Numbers										Mob Numbers	Bin Code	Classer's Comments			
Lotting	AM			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10						
TOTAL																			

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 - 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	6, 7, 8...	Crossbred	XB		
Mixed age, e.g. 4 to 6 years	4 – 6 or	Downs	DN		
	4, 5, 6	Shedding Breeds	SB		
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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 process in a way that is compliant with health and safety rules, and will advise AWEX if a scheduled inspection would be unsafe.

National Wool Declaration

Grower ID:

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 For Office Use Only

Business Name:

Farm Brand: Phone No: (.....)

Property Identification Code (PIC):

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 Location (Town):

Mob No.	Bale Range or 1 st Bale for Mob	Mob Status (circle one per mob)	Age/ Shearing Code	Breed Code	Sex Code	Contact with Shedding Breeds (Y/N)	Mob Crutched (Y/N)	Crutched within 3 months prior to Shearing (Y/N)	Office Use Only
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Mixed, e.g. 4 to 6 years	4 – 6 or Downs	DN
	4, 5, 6 Shedding Breeds	SB
	Carpet Wool	CW

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).

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 buyers 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

Owner/Manager Name

Owner/Manager Signature

Date/...../.....

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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.

NWD Definitions

Non Mulesed (NM)	No sheep in this mob have been mulesed [^] 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 [^] <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.

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. For example, declare AA for a mob containing NM and AA sheep, or declare M for a mob containing LN and M sheep.

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 process in a way that is compliant with health and safety rules and will advise AWEX if a scheduled inspection would be unsafe.