

National Wool Declaration (NWD) V9.3

Business Rules for MS

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Release Note - Introduction

This document applies to the National Wool Declaration (NWD) Version 9.3 (see Appendix 1 and AWEX website www.awex.com.au). This version was released on 23rd March 2022 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 these mob and property declarations as “MS”. The Declaration values on this form are in turn translated into “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 Mob MS (MMS), previously Mulesing Status, code may be declared on all Sheep Breeds (Merino, Crossbred, Downs etc.) and Ages on a recognised NWD V9.3 document.
- A recognised NWD V9.3 complies with all the industry agreed definitions and audit requirements and is associated with an accompanying Wool Classer’s Specification, see Item 7.

5. Third-Party Quality/Registration Schemes

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

The Sale Lot MS code can only be generated from a recognised NWD V9.3. The MMS code is not to be derived from a third-party scheme.

6. NWD Property and MMS Codes and Definitions

MS codes declared using the NWD V9.3 are based on two levels of definitions; viz. Property (Brand/PIC) level and Mob level, with these defined in the table below.

| Property MS | Name | Definition/Meaning (If Eligible) |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| CM | Ceased Mulesing | No lambs born on this property in the last 12 months have been mulesed [^] , <u>and</u> No mulesed [^] (or AA) ewes or wethers have been purchased in the last 12 months. |
| 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 Item 1.

[#]See definition of Liquid Nitrogen in Item 2.

Note: CM is not a valid MMS. Only NM, LM, 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 11 & 12 for Landscape and 13 & 14 for Portrait), while others use a separate NWD form (see page 15). The NWD V9.3 forms are available on the AWEX website: www.awex.com.au.

The NWD V9.3 may also be completed and submitted electronically.

- (d) Regardless of the cosmetic presentation of the NWD, to be recognised as a valid MS declaration, the definitions and supporting explanations (as specified in Item 6) must be used by all Sellers. A Seller must not change any of the definitions or supporting explanations in the NWD V9.3. MS should be declared, as applicable, at both the Property (PIC/Brand) level (CM) and 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) to AWEX to facilitate any potential verification of AA or an on farm inspection for NM, LN or CM (see Item 22). The contact details include Owner/Manager name, postal &/or physical address, phone numbers and email address.

8. **Property Level Declaration: Ceased Mulesing**

It is necessary to re-submit the Property (PIC/Brand) level declaration of CM (answering both questions) for every shearing, as it is possible that a property that previously declared CM has changed its animal husbandry/welfare practices.

9. **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

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. Definition of Sale Lot MS Codes

Sale Lot MS Codes published in Sale Catalogues, Test Certificates or Invoices are determined according to the Property and Mob level definitions in Item 6. These Sale Lot MS Codes are described in the table below.

| Sale Lot MS Code~ | Name | Definition/Meaning |
|-------------------|--|---|
| [NM] | Non Mulesed | This Sale Lot contains only wool sourced from sheep/mobs declared as NM. The two Property level CM questions may be answered Yes or No, or if one or both is not completed, [NM] applies. |
| [LN] | Liquid Nitrogen | This Sale Lot contains only wool sourced from sheep/mobs declared as LN. The two Property level CM questions may be answered Yes or No, or if one or both is not completed, [LN] applies. |
| [CM] | Ceased Mulesing | This Sale Lot may contain wool sourced from sheep/mobs declared as AA or M. Where <u>both</u> Property level CM questions are answered No, and Mob level questions are answered AA or M, [CM] applies. |
| [AA] | mulesed <u>with</u> Analgesic &/or Anaesthetic | This Sale Lot contains only wool sourced from sheep/mobs declared as AA. Where one, or both, of the Property level CM questions is answered Yes, or if one or both is not completed, [AA] applies. |
| [M] | Mulesed | This Sale Lot contains wool sourced from sheep/mobs declared as M. Where one, or both, of the Property level CM questions is answered Yes, or if one or both is not completed, [M] applies. |

| Sale Lot MS Code [≈] | Name | Definition/Meaning |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--|
| [ND] | Not Declared | <p>This Sale Lot contains only wool sourced from sheep/mobs where no Mob level declaration has been made.</p> <p>Where one, or both, of the Property level CM questions is answered Yes, or if one or both is not completed, and the Mob level questions are not answered, [ND] applies.</p> <p>Where both Property level CM questions are answered No, and the Mob level questions are not completed, [ND] applies.</p> |

[≈]Square brackets [] are used in this document to refer to a Sale Lot MS code (for ease of reading). The [] are not published in catalogues or certificates.

13. 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**.

14. 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 Item 10. If the minimum requirements are not met, all associated Sale Lots are deemed Not Declared [ND].
- (b) Determine the MMS:
 - 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.
 - Determine eligibility for CM status, viz. the two Property (Brand/PIC) level questions are as follows:
 1. *Have any lambs born on this property been mulesed in the last 12 months? and*
 2. *Have any mulesed (or AA) ewes/wethers been purchased in the last 12 months?*
 - i. Where the Owner/Manager answers “No” to both Property level questions, the property is eligible for CM status, and the following applies:
 - If the MMS is NM, the result shall be [NM].
 - If the MMS is LN, the result shall be [LN],
 - If the MMS is AA or M, the result shall be [CM].
 - If the MMS is not completed, the result shall be [ND].
 - ii. Where one or both of the Property level CM questions is answered Yes, or if one or both is not completed, the property is not eligible for CM status, and the following applies:
 - If the MMS is NM, LN, AA, M or ND, the result shall be [NM], [LN], [AA], [M] or [ND], respectively.

15. Quick Reference Mapping Table for Sellers: Sale Lot MS

The following table maps the MMS to Sale Lot MS, taking into account whether the property is eligible for CM status.

| Where the Property <u>is eligible</u> for CM status | |
|---|-------------|
| Mob MS | Sale Lot MS |
| NM | [NM] |
| LN | [LN] |
| AA | [CM] |
| M | [CM] |
| Not completed | [ND] |

Note, if LN and AA or M wool is mixed, the lowest MMS shall apply, viz, AA or M, respectively. And based on a derived MMS of AA or M, the Sale Lot Mulesing Status would be CM.

The following table maps the MMS to Sale Lot MS, taking into account whether the property is not eligible for CM status.

| Where the Property <u>is not eligible</u> for CM status | |
|---|-------------|
| Mob MS | Sale Lot MS |
| NM | [NM] |
| LN | [LN] |
| AA | [AA] |
| M | [M] |
| Not completed | [ND] |

Note, if LN and AA or M wool is mixed, the lowest MMS shall apply, viz, AA or M, respectively.

16. 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], [CM], [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] > [CM] > [AA] > [M] > [ND].

17. 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], [CM], [AA], [M] or [ND].
- (b) Where the MS is different for any portion/component of a Bulk Class Sale Lot, the lowest MS value will apply to the Bulk Class. The values from highest to lowest are: [NM] > [LN] > [CM] > [AA] > [M] > [ND].

Note, both (a) and (b) must be supported by documented evidence provided to AWEX on request, including itemised Wool Classer’s Specifications, NWDs and weights for each portion/component.

18. 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], [CM], [AA], [M] or [ND].
- (b) 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] > [CM] > [AA] > [M] > [ND].

19. 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 apply [CM].

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

- (e) 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 rules in Item 19 applied by AWTA.

20. 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 apply [CM].
- (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] or [] pre-25 July 2022 will retain [PR] 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.

21. 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), Bulk Class (B and Q Certificates) and OMLs (M Certificate) to NWD V9.3:

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

22. 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, AA or CM 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 or CM (or LN) ~225 Inspections p/a.

See Brochures “NWD V9.3 Declaring what the World’s Demanding” and “How to Complete the NWD Correctly”, available at www.awex.com.au.

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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) | 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. |
| 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. |

Supporting Explanations

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| [^]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 prepared by Animal Health Australia, V1.0 2016.</i> |
| #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

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| 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

NWD Codes

| <p>→ The Owner/Manager is responsible for ensuring the NWD is completed correctly.</p> <p>→ To complete the NWD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 <u>must Sign</u> and <u>Date</u> the Declaration. <p>→ 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 <u>all lines</u> of wool.</p> | 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 | | | |
| | | Carpet Wool | CW | | | |

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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.

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. |
| 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. |

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 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 | 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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Work, Health & Safety

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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):

Property Status (Ceased Mulesing). Please answer the following questions (circle answers):

1. Have any lambs born on this property been mulesed in the last 12 months? **Yes** or **No**
2. Have any mulesed (or AA) ewes/wethers been purchased in the last 12 months? **Yes** or **No**



| Mob No. | Bale Range or 1 st Bale for Mob | Mob Status (circle one per mob) | Age 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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| Age/Shearing Code | Breed Code | Sex Code | NWD Definitions |
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| 1 st Shearing | 1 Merino | M Ewes E | Non Mulesed (NM) No sheep in this mob have been mulesed [^] or treated with liquid nitrogen [#] . |
| 2 nd Shearing to 2 yrs | 2 Afrino | FO Wethers W | |
| 3 years | 3 SAMM | SM Rams R | Liquid Nitrogen (LN) Sheep in this mob have been treated with liquid nitrogen [#] . |
| 4 years | 4 Corriedale | CD Mixed M | |
| 5 years | 5 Polwarth | PW | Analgesic &/or Anaesthetic (AA) Sheep in this mob have been mulesed [^] with the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA. |
| 6, 7, 8 years etc. | 6, 7, 8... Crossbred | XB | |
| Mixed, e.g. 4 to 6 yrs | 4 - 6 or 4, 5, 6 Downs | DN | Mulesed (M) Sheep in this mob have been mulesed [^] without the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA. |
| | Shedding Breeds | SB | |
| | Carpet Wool | CW | |

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| NWD Definitions/Supporting Explanations | NWD Supporting Explanations |
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| <p>Please use the most accurate definition that applies to each mob. Mobs treated with Liquid Nitrogen must be declared as LN.</p> | <p>^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.</p> <p>#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.</p> <p>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.</p> |

| Work Health and Safety | Shedding Breeds Definitions |
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| <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Owner/Manager Name.....</p> <p>Signature..... Date...../...../.....</p> | <p>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).</p> <p>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).</p> |