

REMINDER

2023 Review of the National Wool Declaration

Closing Date for Submissions: COB on Monday 13th March 2023

Following the release of NWD v9.3 (see Appendix 1), the AWEX Board announced that a comprehensive review of the NWD would be undertaken in 2023, for implementation in July 2024.

The 2023 Review of the NWD will be undertaken by AWEX, with an independent Chair through an Industry Consultative Committee (NWD ICC).

This Review aims to ensure that the NWD is fit for purpose and that the declarations can be substantiated through the NWD-IP. The Review will consider the following topics *as well as any other aspect of the NWD and its Integrity Program*:

- The relevance of the current mulesing status declarations, viz. Non Mulesed (NM), Ceased Mulesing (CM), mulesed with Analgesic &/or Anaesthetic products (AA), treated with Liquid Nitrogen (LN) and Mulesed (M).
Note, for consistency across the Australian wool industry, the definition of Mulesing is sourced from the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines.
- The potential inclusion of “other” breech modification alternatives or animal welfare declarations within the NWD.
- The user-friendliness of the NWD with respect to its correct completion by the owner/manager and data entry by wool broking staff.
- The NWD declaration and compliance rates, Premiums and Discounts, and how it is being received by industry.
- The NWD-IP, involving desktop audits, verification of the use of AA and LN, and on farm inspections for NM and CM.
- Communication plans for the release of NWD Version 10.

Consultation Period is Now Open

Industry stakeholders are invited to make a submission to the 2023 Review of the NWD. The consultation period is open from today through to the Monday 13th March 2023.

All submissions must be in writing and include the name and address of the author/organisation.

Submissions must be received by AWEX by Close of Business on Monday 13th March 2023. Emails are preferred.

When making a submission, please include the topic(s) and the background to the topic(s) as well as the reasoning/statistics behind any proposed change(s).

To provide feedback to NWD ICC for the 2023 Review, please use the following contact:

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BROKER-ID/LOGO	FARM BRAND	BUSINESS DETAILS Business Name..... ABN.....GST Reg (Y/N)..... Contact Name..... Postal Address.....P/C..... Mob.....Ph/Fax..... Email.....	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 [][][][][][][][]	OFFERING INSTRUCTIONS 1 st Available (Y/N)..... Other.....		
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 **NATIONAL WOOL DECLARATION V9.3, March 2022**

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 with an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product.
M: Sheep have been mulesed without an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product.

Ceased Mulesing Status - 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**

Property Identification Code (PIC) [][][][][][][][][][][][][]



Mob No.	Bale Range or 1 st Bale in 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)	Wool Length (mm)	VM (Low, Med or High)	Comments, Mob Matching Information, or Additional PICs
		NM LN AA M									
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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**/...../.....

Fax This End First

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

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			
NWD V9.3, March 2022			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.