

## AWEX Response to EU Labelling Directive

AWEX recently received calls regarding new conditions the European Union (EU) is placing on all packaging entering Europe from 1 January 2023. The new EU directives relate to how packaging might be disposed or recycled once used, and this will depend on the type of material.

*From 1 January 2023, Australian wool exporters will be required to declare the packaging materials used for all wool packs (greasy & processed) as part of their customs documentation.*

The AWEX Wool Pack Standard requires that AWEX approved packs must have a manufacturer's label stitched into the side seam of the wool packs. All nylon wool packs carry this label, which states Nylon 6. AWEX has informed wool pack manufacturers and importers that, effective immediately, the following changes to the manufacturer's label is required on all wool packs to be more explicit and to meet the EU Directive and customer's needs.

### Effective immediately:

A **new** manufacturer's label is required for all new wool packs including the **current (non-RFID) wool packs & the new (RFID) eBale packs**. To ensure that all packs meet the new EU directives, any new wool pack being produced **MUST** carry the following information on the manufacturer's label:

- Manufacturer Identification
- Brand Name
- Batch Number / Coded Year of Manufacture
- **Pack/Labels/Thread Materials** – NYLON 6 or 66
- **RFID Tag (adhered to Label)** – Dispose & recycle RFID Tag in accordance with European Union's Waste Electronic & Electrical Equipment (EUEEE) Directive.

*Example of NEW Manufacturer's Label:*

<p><b>WOOL PACK Co.</b></p> <p><b>PASTORAL BRAND</b></p> <p><b>001 / 2023</b></p> <p><b>Pack/Labels/Thread Materials</b> – Nylon 6 or 66</p> <p><b>RFID Tag (adhered to Label)</b> – Dispose &amp; recycle RFID Tag in accordance with European Union's Waste Electronic &amp; Electrical Equipment (EUEEE) Directive.</p>
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The AWEX Wool Pack Standard has been updated and below is the extract of the updated Standard for your information.

### **1.5 Manufacturer's Label**

A permanent label, no less than 100 millimetres by 50 millimetres in size, and manufactured from non-fibre-shedding nylon material (the same nylon type as that used in the pack fabric) must be securely affixed to a side seam of each pack. The label shall be fixed in such a manner that the following details are clearly visible on the outside:

- Manufacturer Identification
- Brand Name
- Batch Number / Coded Year of Manufacture
- **Pack/Labels/Thread Materials** – NYLON 6 or 66
- **RFID Tag (adhered to Label)** – Dispose & recycle RFID Tag in accordance with European Union's Waste Electronic & Electrical Equipment (EUEEE) Directive.

***Note:** The label should be attached by sewing along the long dimension for greater strength of attachment and shall not be sewn between the two layers of fabric of the seams.*

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These changes to the manufacturer's label are important to ensure that importation of Australian wool into Europe is not compromised and meets the requirements of the EU directive and the needs of our customers.

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