SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOOL INDUSTRY EDP USERS GROUP HELD ON TUESDAY THE 7th OF APRIL 2025

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1. General Updates

1.1. User Notes on WDO format changes

  1.1.1. There is no update on the issue at this stage, the action can be delayed until after the standards review is completed.

  1.1.2. The issue has more to do with cart notes which are a physically printed document, it is not for WIEDPUG to address at this point.

  1.1.3. This issue is put on hold until a proposal is made available to WIEDPUG.

1.2. Talman users check regarding proposed WDO marks changes

  1.2.1. This item has now become redundant. Talman users were consulted, if the issue did go forward ten lines would be a minimum.

1.3. Forward WDO example document

  1.3.1. Item held over for the next meeting.

1.4. ACWEP to write to AWEX with any eBale data transmission concerns

  1.4.1. The action will be held over to the next meeting.

1.5. Submission to NCWSBA to request ABN to be included in the AC document

  1.5.1. This item is on hold.

1.6. Write to NCWSBA regarding the RPP document

  1.6.1. This item is to review the change of ownership process. The letter is to reiterate to the industry the importance of the RPP document.

  1.6.2. An enquiry was made as to whether correspondence should go to exporters as well, they are seeing issues regarding this. It was advised that exporter contact will be secondary in the process.

1.7. PIC data at the bale level

  1.7.1. WoolClip's eSpeci data is currently reviewing moving the PIC to the bale level. This item was raised to advise the group of the upcoming changes.

2. Standards Review Update

2.1. Project Update

  2.1.1. Business Rules Update

  2.1.2. Revision of the GitHub specification

    2.1.2.1. The business rules and GitHub specification are currently being worked through. Some examples of the changes possible is GST components are in the wrong spot. These issues are being worked through, it is a big job. If any representatives want to give feedback on known issues please submit them to the secretary.

2.2. Full review of API Standards

  2.2.1. Review of bale details

    2.2.1.1. The working group started reviewing the TC, looking at items such as naming conventions and trying to find common objects across the API's. The first object looked at is the bale object. The proposal in the paper is that each bale object will contain all of the information for the bale. The bale header would be

removed. This could increase file size, to address this paging can be implemented for the transfer of the data.

2.2.1.2. AWH, AWI and Symbotic are working through these changes, this means there will be no extra cost to the industry. The working group would like these issues addressed now before implementation.

2.2.1.3. The group agreed that the suggested changes are a good idea, however when proposing the changes we need to make sure that no data is lost. The group needs a detailed document on exactly what is being proposed.

2.2.1.4. The proposal does de-normalise the proposal from Jade, it goes against what Jade recommended.

2.2.1.5. There are documents that only have the bale header, this needs to be considered. It was discussed that scoured wool may move to the lot level, this design needs to be documented.

2.2.1.6. In the minimal data scenario, where there is only an eBaleID, how do interlots get identified in this case.

2.2.1.7. Before the group can approve the review we need all of these issues documented.

2.2.1.8. It was noted that if we can get to one object for bale it may reduce up to thirteen processes in code down to one.

2.2.1.9. The proposal needs to handle all current data transmissions. This needs to be demonstrated in the documentation.

2.2.1.10. For interlots we need the industry to agree how they should be represented.

2.2.1.11. It may require an indicator on the bale for the type of bale it is (scoured, greasy etc).

2.2.1.12. It was noted that brand lengths are currently restricted, broker software captures more than thirty characters currently, could we make the field unrestricted? It was advised that if we change attributes to unrestricted it would require a large amount of time to get agreement from the industry.

2.2.1.13. The updated document on the bale object will cover items such as interlots and scoured wool. With the updated document the group can review and make sure the specification will work in their organisations systems.

2.2.1.14. Are two bale & three bale counts still being used? Should we be looking at decimal places on weights for NZ?

2.2.1.15. It was noted that the document will not be the final scope for the bale object, this is the initial scope for the group to be able to review.

2.2.1.16. An enquiry was made as to whether it is worth including the eSpeci document? The group agreed that this would be out of scope for the review.

2.2.1.17. It was also noted that the WoolClip API eSpeci is outside of WIEDPUG and out of scope.

2.3. Revision of timelines

2.3.1. WIA had an initial indication of 6-8 months for the business rules update to be completed. There was also an initial indication there may have been a test API available by Q3 2025.

2.3.2. We will not know updated timelines until the initial review of the bale object has been completed, WIA will be advised of the updated timelines once this review is complete.

2.4. Revision of cost estimates

2.4.1. The group needs to review the cost of implementing the Jade specification versus implementing the new structure the working group is working on.

3. Other Business

3.1. No other business.

4. Next Meetings

10:00am AEST Monday the 16th of June 2025

10:00am AEST Monday the 22nd of September 2025

10:00am AEDT Monday the 2nd of February 2026

10:00am AEST Monday the 13th of April 2026