SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOOL INDUSTRY EDP USERS GROUP HELD ON FRIDAY THE 29th OF JUNE 2007

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1. Organic/Eco Wool data

The committee was advised of a request from several clients to be able to use the EDI system to transmit additional data relating to quality schemes. The request was a result of buyers requiring more information to be able to verify the accreditation certificate along with data such as the month & year shorn. For the next version of the handbook three fields are being requested for quality scheme data. A new optional record will be created for version 29.2.

2. AWEX-ID V3.1

The AWEX-ID review committee had discovered an issue with using a 'P' description for medulated fibre. 'P' was currently being used for pieces in the code of practice and 'K' was being used for medulated fibre. The intention is to bring AWEX-ID in line with the code of practice. This change will affect the declared qualifier code.

3. Re-offer Trial

A re-offer trial that is being conducted to retrieve previous type data for re-offered lots was outlined. The request is for WIEDPUG to suggest a suitable field or fields for retrieving previous type data. The item will be raised again at the next meeting after discussions are held with relevant technical personnel.

4. AWEX-ID changes and authentication

The committee was advised of an early audit service that AWEX provides where the AWEX auditors audit the wool before it gets to the auction catalogue. As a part of this AWEX needs to issue an authentication number that is 8 characters long to enable the issued AWEX-ID to be verified that it came from AWEX. This new field will be required by December 2007 and it is envisaged that it will fit into the 21A record.

The committee approved the change and it will be included in the version 29.2 handbook release.

5. IWTO data transmission proposals

A trial format that was submitted to IWTO was outlined. The proposal was put forward at the request of an overseas customer. The layout had not been considered by the committee and may not be an optimal solution. The WIEDPUG committee did not endorse this format.

6.   Response file from client

A request has been made for the client machine to respond to the networks with a response file to indicate that the session had completed OK on the client side. This was to avoid issues where a session failed on the client and the networks flag the data as being sent. This sounded like a good idea however further discussion with technical staff would be needed before responding. A discussion will be held outside of the committee and a response made to the initial requestor.

7.   AWTA Version 30 Changes

Changes to the D cert, DMFR & RPP that were submitted to the committee in accompanying papers were outlined. The requested date from IWTO for the changeover for the D cert was 1 January 2008.

The RPP should be on the sale type not the sale outcome as that is where it seemed to fit logically, the change was amended with the sale type field becoming optional.

The committee discussed if a version 30 release was necessary at this point or if a version 29.2 would be sufficient. The consensus of the committee was that a version 29.2 would be released effective the 1st of January 2008.

8.   Other Business

XML File Size
Trial work was completed in New Zealand converting several documents to XML, the outcome was that the expected increase in file size was a factor of eight.

Les Potts
The committee was advised that Talman had taken over Congruent Systems effective immediately. The committee would like to acknowledge the valued input of Les, he will be greatly missed by the committee and in the Wool Industry. A letter of gratitude will be forwarded to Les on behalf of the committee.

9.   Next Meeting

6 August 2007

The handbook is aimed to be released by the 13th of July 2007