SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOOL INDUSTRY EDP USERS GROUP
HELD ON TUESDAY THE 2nd OF FEBRUARY 2021

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1. **Use of EDI for Mulesing Status Amendments**

   1.1. The request is to implement an automatic method to update mulesing status. AWTA advised that the proposal put forward would not work as the document is not in the correct format, the records are not correct.

   1.2. The current DMFR also differs as when the DMFR is received there is an online check through the EDI and it validates that it is a valid certificate and is current. After validation of the certificate it validates qualifiers etc. After it passes everything it calculates the DMFR and it turns around the same DMFR document, there is no new certificate. It is a different process to the mulesing status.

   1.3. AWTA will need to check how the mulesing status could be updated. Currently a non EDI Network procedure is in place with AWEX where audit updates are forwarded from AWEX to AWTA.

   1.4. This is a worthwhile process to pursue, AWTA will need to put forward a proposal that will work at the next meeting.

   1.5. It was noted that post certification there is no validation of mulesing status. If the buyer identifies a discrepancy when putting together exporter documents the onus is on the exporter to follow up with the broker.

   1.6. If AWEX advises AWTA of a mulesing status change, AWTA advises the broker. Also, AWEX advises the broker and buyers presale of NWD changes.

2. **Auction Catalogue (AC) – Early transmission proposal**

   2.1. A buyer submission has been logged with NASC to consider looking at earlier transmission of AC's. Advice was requested as to whether there are any roadblocks at an EDI level.

   2.2. One issue is should the network present the AC's in the sequence they are transmitted? When a new transmission is sent to the network the broker notifies the network to put the prior transmission on hold.

   2.3. When AWTA EDI receives the AC the order is determined by sale id, sale date, selling org and wool type group, then the date received by the network is used to order the data. The final lot flag may not be on the final lot received. At the lot level they will be in the order they were received.

   2.4. In terms of putting AC's on hold, if something is erroneously sent, it is put on hold. In this case the AC's would not be put on hold.

   2.5. The Final Catalogue Flag is set by the transmitter, no data is updated on the AWTA EDI network. The transmitter will need to manage the final flag.

   2.6. Currently the final catalogue flag is unreliable, no one takes any notice of it. There are

also page numbering issues with a partial catalogue.

2.7.   At the moment the Talman software does not process the final flag.

2.8.   The matching keys for data could be an issue, if a broker moves a lot or replaces a lot between transmissions, is there an internal reference needed for matching to occur? The early transmission may not be tested at that stage, the later transmission may be tested and moved, how do we match?

2.9.   For the Talman software if the lot has changed the matching key (sale, season, broker, lot, internal reference) it creates a new record and leaves the existing record.

2.10. If there is a change in test data there is an alert for the buyers in Talman and Symbotic software.

2.11. It will be necessary to do some trials to see how software handles the updates. AWTA has a test EDI network that could be used for trials.

2.12. Business rules would need to be defined for when transmissions are sent.

2.13. It would also be possible for an EDI transmission to be created that could put AC's on hold by the sender.

2.14. AWH would have to make a change to allow brokers to send an interim transmission. There was also concern as to whether exporters would be able to ensure they only acted on the final transmission. The AWH changes could be done but it was not recommended due to possible issues occurring.

3.   General Updates (No Papers)

3.1.   XML Standards.

3.1.1. The AWTA electronic signature document has been forwarded and it will be put into the XML document. The action item is complete.

3.1.2. A JSON document was provided to start the JSON discussion. The action item is complete.

3.1.3. Any further work in the JSON area will be put on hold until external advice has been received which is part of the RFP work currently being undertaken. This item will be closed.

3.2.   Change of Invoice Number fields and Payment Advice document to mandatory.

3.2.1. NCWSBA senior management do not have day to day interactions and have limited experience to advise on this matter. Some small companies do not have the funds to change and are happy with the current system with payment advice. On the invoice side there are issues with the GST tax invoice out of the system, not sure it would pass the ATO. For some brokers it us up to AWH to advise what is required.

3.2.2. Currently the broker does not provide a hard copy invoice now. If the exporter wants a physical invoice they need to do this themselves.

3.2.3. AWH reviewed with their accounts team and by dollar amount less than 10% are making payment outside of the Talman remittance. It would be a distinct advantage to send in remittance via EDI understanding there may be some operators who may want to stay with existing methods.

3.2.4. There was no discussion with ACWEP, a discussion will take place now that there

has been some feedback.

3.3.   Electronic Classer Specifications.

3.3.1. The working group met twice and went through the outstanding items. The meeting outcomes will be distributed with the minutes.

3.3.2. Currently looking at finalising the XML e-speci. Some questions were forwarded to ISAC. At the second meeting there was still no agreement of which way to go.

3.3.3. XML version 2 will be published soon.

3.3.4. The working group is close to completing all tasks and closing.

3.4.   AWTA FTP Access Notes Update.

3.4.1. AWTA IT reviewed the notes for EDI network access in the handbook and found they were out of date, the document provided updates the access notes.

3.4.2. Standard CURL options will also be reviewed, some notes will be forwarded to AWTA to see if they need to be included.

4. Other Business

4.1.   **Next handbook release.**

4.1.1. The only items for the next release are editorial changes.

4.1.2. A point version of the handbook will be released with no version date change, the new version will be 35.1.

4.2.   **Zoom.**

4.2.1. Consensus was that Zoom will be used for all future meetings.

4.3.   **Status of PIC transmission in TRV's.**

4.3.1. As of Feb 2021, it is running at 2.4%, it has gone down.

4.4.   **Levy returns.**

4.4.1. Some levy returns data was transmitted successfully.

5. Next Meetings

9:00am AEST Tuesday the 20th of April 2021

9:00am AEST Tuesday the 8th of June 2021

9:00am AEDT Tuesday the 12th of October 2021

9:00am AEDT Tuesday the 1st of February 2022