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## Validation of Mulesing Status: 1

With the introduction of Mulesing Status as a formal data field from July 21, AWEX wishes to advise that we will commence desktop validation of the published Mulesing Status values against the source documents from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

This is the first phase in the audit process of the declarations and involves the checking of published catalogue values against the source documents.

This validation will be performed each week on a [system generated] random sample of eligible clips nationwide. The initial sampling regime will be 5% or 20 clips (whichever is the higher) per week.

Operationally the weekly procedure will follow these steps:

1. The random sample of eligible clips to be validated is generated by AWEX each Monday,
2. The Seller will receive a request to supply a copy of the associated National Wool Declaration and Woolclasser Specification documents,
3. AWEX will validate published values against the source documents,
4. Individual results of validation are returned to the Seller, and
5. Aggregate and depersonalised results then released to industry at end of each month.

Kerryn Wheeler will be primary operational contact point for this routine.

The purpose of this validation is to:

- a) detect any initial teething issues with processing mulesing declarations;
- b) assist in building pipeline confidence in the integrity of the Declaration(s), and
- c) act as a staging system for Phase 2.

Phase 2; the validation of *on-farm* inputs to the Declarations, is under development and will be advised under separate cover.

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