

26th March 2009

National Wool Declaration – Version 2.0 Finalised

AWEX Board approves revised NWD for implementation in August 2009

In November 2008 AWEX, through its Industry Services Advisory Committee (ISAC), sought input from all sectors of the wool industry for its annual review of the National Wool Declaration (NWD). Submissions were received by 28th January 2009 for consideration at the ISAC meeting held on Friday 6th February 2009. Further deliberations continued after this meeting.

In making its recommendations to the AWEX Board, ISAC agreed that changes would only be made to the NWD that would enhance its understanding and/or adoption by industry. The following recommendations were put forward to and approved by the AWEX Board:

- (a) There is no change to the NWD Mulesing Status Codes of Not Mulesed (NM), Ceased Mulesing (CM), Mulesed with Pain Relief (PR) and Not Declared (ND).
- (b) For consistency, the NWD will adopt a Yes/No format for questions.
- (c) The Definitions are refined to ensure they are clear and unambiguous, and are able to be audited. This particularly applies to sheep transferred onto a property.
- (d) That Clips and Intradermals not be included in the NWD at this time.
- (e) The addition of a Grower ID box for use by Brokers in identifying clips.

These changes will be introduced in the new selling season commencing Monday 3rd August 2009. The attached copy of the NWD highlights where the changes to the NWD have been made.

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National Wool Declaration

Grower ID:

For Office Use Only

Dark and Medullated Fibre Risk (Merino only), Mulesing Status and Record of Chemical Use (any breed) for Sheep Mobs

Owner Trading Name: _____ ABN: _____

Property Brand: _____ Phone No: () _____

Property Identification Code (PIC):

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Property Location: _____

- This form is to be completed/signed by the Owner/Manager and **must be consigned with the Woolclasser Specification Sheet**. This Declaration is valid for one shearing only.
- The purpose of this Declaration is to ensure that the details provided about your wool when offered for sale are true and correct. By completing this Declaration, you acknowledge that the Vendor's agent will catalogue the wool based on the statements you make, and buyers will in turn rely on those statements. You also agree that this Declaration may be subject to random audit in a format agreed to by industry.

This Declaration is for wool pertaining to shearing completed on: ____ / ____ / ____

According to the definitions below, please indicate whether mulesing¹ has ceased² on this property, Yes (Y) or No (N):

Mob No. (Refer Speci)	Mob Breaks (Bale Numbers)		Age Code	Breed Code	Sex Code	Contact ³ with Shedding Breeds ⁴ (Y/N)	Mob Crutched (Y/N)	Crutched within 3 months prior to Shearing (Y/N)	Mob Mulesed ⁵ (Y/N)	Pain Relief ⁶ Used on Mob (Y/N)	Record Kept of Chemical Use ⁷ (Y/N)	Office Use Only
	FROM	TO										

Age/Shearing	Code	Breed	Code	Sex	Code
1st Shearing	1	Merino	M	Ewes	E
2nd Shearing to 2 yrs	2	Merino Dohne	MD	Wethers	W
3 years	3	Merino SAMM	MS	Rams	R
4 years	4	Crossbred	XB	Mixed (E/W/R)	M
5 years	5	Downs	DN		
6, 7, 8 years etc.	6, 7, 8...	Shedding Breeds	SB		
Mixed (e.g. 3 to 5 yrs)	3 - 5	Carpet Wool	CW		

Definitions	
1 Mulesing	The removal of skin from the tail and/or breech region of a sheep using shears.
2 Ceased Mulesing	All sheep born on or transferred onto this property in the last 12 months must not be mulesed at the time of this shearing and there must be no intention to mules in the future. Evidence of Ceased Mulesing status must be available for audit purposes.
3 Contact with Shedding Breeds	Mated, reared or run in the same paddock with shedding sheep/lambs or their crosses.
4 Shedding Breeds	Breeds that shed fibre (e.g. Afrikaner, Awassi, Damara, Dorper, Karakul, Meatmaster, Persian, Van Rooy, Wiltipoll, Wiltshire Horn).
5 Mob Mulesed	A mob is defined as mulesed if any of the sheep in the mob are mulesed.
6 Pain Relief	Pain Relief products must be registered by, or supplied under permit from, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority for use with sheep. Evidence of the purchase and use of Pain Relief products for sheep bred on this property or transferred onto it must be available for audit purposes.
7 Record Kept of Chemical Use	If Yes (Y), details of mob, date, purpose, type and amount of chemical(s) must be recorded. If chemicals are not used, a record of this must also be kept.

By signing this Declaration I warrant that I am authorised to complete this declaration and I confirm that all details contained in it are true and correct, having made all reasonable enquiries.

OWNER/MANAGER NAME: _____

OWNER/MANAGER SIGNATURE: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

