

27<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## 2015 NWD REVIEW: OUTCOMES

At its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015, the AWEX Board, based on the recommendations of the Industry Services Advisory Committee (ISAC), agreed that the National Wool Declaration (NWD) and its Integrity Program would not change following its 2015 Review.

Support for the NWD - Integrity Program was unanimous as it is considered that a robust, independent audit program is vital for the international acceptance of the NWD.

Five submissions were received from Industry Stakeholders, with these all given due consideration by ISAC and the AWEX Board.

**The following is a summary of the key discussion points from the 2015 NWD Review:**

1. There will be no changes to the NWD as it was felt that growers will continue to become familiar with the NWD if the form layout and content remained consistent.
2. The Ceased Mulesing (CM) category declaration will remain due to its commercial support from buyers; and because potentially, CM may provide an incentive for Growers moving towards non mulesing.
3. The application of CM will remain a property declaration (as opposed to a mob declaration) as it is a statement of the husbandry practice at that point in time.
4. The declaration for Mulesed (M) will remain as it was felt that it was important to advise the industry whether the grower has or has not made a declaration and it is likely to help data entry.
5. There was no support for converting PR to a property declaration.
6. The mulesing status codes are: **NM** = Non Mulesed, **CM** = Ceased Mulesing, **PR** = Mulesed with Pain Relief, **Mulesed (M)** = Mulesed without Pain Relief, **ND** = Not Declared, status unknown).
7. While calls for a mandatory approach to mulesing declarations persist, the NWD will remain a voluntary program, as with other industry activities (e.g. raw wool testing). AWEX does not have the authority to make the NWD mandatory.
8. Completion rates and the accuracy of NWD remain a concern. It is recommended that AWEX continue to use a variety of options to train classers and growers to complete the NWD correctly. Education of growers, with the assistance of brokers, private treaty merchants, shearing contractors and classers, is considered essential to increase the adoption rate of the NWD and reduce its Non Compliance rate.

9. The inclusion of buyer/processor testimonials is also considered critical to the success of an education and extension campaign. The “How to complete the NWD correctly” will also be utilised in all extension activities.
10. There appears to be increasingly firm evidence of price incentives in the market for NM (and CM) wool. As a result, there is a need to expand the analysis and reports of potential price differentials, and where robustly evident, report these to industry.
11. Future NWD Reviews will be conducted in line with the triennial review of the Woolclasser Code of Practice, unless a prior review is warranted. This means that the next review of will commence in mid-2018.

**The AWEX Board approved the NWD Version 6.2, November 2014 attached to this notice.**

**Copies of the NWD combined with the Classer's Specification, as well as separate NWDs, are available on the AWEX website [www.awex.com.au](http://www.awex.com.au).**

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<b>BROKER</b>		<b>FARM BRAND</b>		<b>WOOLCLASSER'S SPECIFICATION</b> Page ( ) of ( )				
		<b>Trading Details</b>		<b>Proceed Instructions</b>			<b>Shearing Details</b>	
		Trading Name.....		By Cheque (Y/N) .....OR			Is this Shearing Complete (Y/N).....	
Wool No.		Contact Name.....		A/C Name.....			No. of Bales in this Consignment.....	
Delivery Centre		Postal Address.....		Bank.....BSB.....			Est. No. Bales in this Shearing.....	
ABN.....GST Reg (Y/N).....		P/C.....		A/C No.....			Date Shearing Completed...../...../.....	
		Ph/Mob.....Fax.....		<b>Offering Instructions</b>			Qual. Scheme(s).....	
		Email.....		1 <sup>st</sup> Available (Y/N).....			<b>Remarks</b>	
				Other.....				


Office Use Only		No. Bales	Bale Description	Bale Numbers															Mob Numbers	Mulesing Status NM/PR/M/CM Office Use Only	Bin Code	Classer's Comments						
Lot / Sale	AM			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15										
<b>TOTAL BALES</b>																												

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The NATIONAL WOOL DECLARATION (NWD) must be completed and signed by the Owner/Manager.

**Has Mulesing Ceased on this Property?**  YES or  NO (Tick Box)

**Mulesing Status (for each Mob):**  
**NM:** No sheep in this mob has been mulesed.  
**M:** Some/all of the sheep in this mob have been mulesed.  
**PR:** All sheep in this mob were mulesed using a registered Pain Relief product.

 **WOOLCLASSER DETAILS**

Registration No.

Mob No.	Mob Break/Bale Ranges	Age Code	Breed Code	Sex Code	Contact with Shedding Breeds (Y/N)	Mob Crutched (Y/N)	Crutched within 3 mths prior to Shearing (Y/N)	Mulesing Status (NM, PR or M)	Wool Length (mm)	VM (Lo, Med or Hi)	Comments / Matching Mob Info	Name

By signing this declaration, I warrant that (a) I am authorised to complete this declaration and confirm that all details contained in it are true and correct, (b) I authorise the selling agent to submit this document to AWEX (if requested) for the purpose of the NWD-Integrity Program and (c) I understand that I may be subject to random desk audits and on farm inspections, the results of which may be made available to the buyers of the declared wool and the selling agent. Details of the AWEX NWD-Integrity Program and Privacy Policy are available on the AWEX website: [www.awex.com.au](http://www.awex.com.au).

PIC  Owner/Manager Name.....Signature.....Date...../...../.....

Fax This End First

## National Wool Declaration (NWD) Definitions

<b>1 Mulesing</b>	The removal of skin from the breech and/or tail of a sheep using mulesing shears. <i>Source:</i> Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep (draft).
<b>2 Ceased Mulesing (CM)</b>	Wool from sheep where <u>mulesing has ceased on the property</u> . No lambs born on the property in the last 12 months have been mulesed at the time of this shearing.
<b>3 Non Mulesed (NM)</b>	<u>No sheep</u> in this mob has been mulesed.
<b>4 Pain Relief (PR)</b>	All sheep in this mob have been <u>mulesed using a registered Pain Relief product</u> . <b>Note:</b> PR must be declared separately for each mob (it is <u>not</u> a property declaration).
<b>5 Mulesed (M)</b>	<u>Some/all sheep</u> in this mob have been mulesed.
<b>6 Shedding Breeds</b>	Breeds that shed fibre (e.g. Afrikaner, Australian White, Awassi, Damara, Dorper, Karakul, Meatmaster, Persian, Van Rooy, Wiltipoll, Wiltshire Horn).
<b>7 Contact with Shedding Breeds</b>	Mated to, or run in the same paddock as shedding sheep/lambs or their crosses.


### How to Complete the NWD

- To declare the DMFR and/or Mulesing Status for each mob (and line of wool) the **Owner/Manager**, in consultation with the **Woolclasser**, must:
  - Answer the question “**Has Mulesing Ceased on this Property?**”
  - Complete all the **NWD Mob questions** (Mob No., Age, Breed, Sex, Shedding Breeds, Crutching and Mulesing Status).
  - **Sign and date the declaration.**
- The **Woolclasser** will complete the rest of the specification, **including the Mob Number column**, for all lines of wool (including oddments).

**Note 1:** If Mulesing has Ceased on the property, for mobs that have been declared Mulesed (or left the box left blank), CM will be allocated to the associated lines of wool.

**Note 2:** If Mulesing has not Ceased on the property, for mobs that have been declared Mulesed (or left the box left blank), Blank will be allocated to the associated lines of wool.

**Note 3:** Not Declared (ND) will be recorded for mobs (and associated lines of wool) where the DMFR and/or the Mulesing declaration is left blank (i.e. the CM question has not been answered and the mob DMFR and Mulesing Status questions are blank or incomplete).

		NWD Codes			
Age/Shearing	Code	Breed	Code	Sex	Code
1 <sup>st</sup> Shearing	<b>1</b>	Merino	<b>M</b>	Ewes	<b>E</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Shearing to 2 years	<b>2</b>	Afrino	<b>FO</b>	Wethers	<b>W</b>
3 years	<b>3</b>	SAMM	<b>SM</b>	Rams	<b>R</b>
4 years	<b>4</b>	Corriedale	<b>CD</b>	Mixed (E/W)	<b>M</b>
5 years	<b>5</b>	Crossbred	<b>XB</b>		
6, 7, 8 years etc.	<b>6, 7, 8....</b>	Downs	<b>DN</b>		
Mixed, e.g. 3 to 5 years	<b>3 - 5</b>	Shedding Breeds	<b>SB</b>		
<b>NWD V6.2, November 2014</b>		Carpet Wool	<b>CW</b>		