

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOOL INDUSTRY EDP USERS GROUP HELD ON MONDAY THE 14th OF FEBRUARY 2011**SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES****1. Sample Location**

A request was made to the group from Yennora Wool Brokers to add a field to the AC document for sample location. The field would need to be five characters in length and would be used to denote the location of the sample within a store.

More information would be needed to determine if this would be an industry wide need or would be just catering for a single organisations need which may be better handled at a software level.

As Yennora Wool Brokers are a Talman client the Talman representative is happy to work with them to find a solution that would not require the adding of a field to the Auction Catalogue document.

2. AC Examples

It had been noted that the examples for the auction catalogue document were out of date and incorrect. The examples either needed to be removed or updated. The examples are useful for training new staff and also for any new organisations in the industry to gain an understanding of how the document works. The AC examples will be updated with the next handbook release.

3. Private Catalogues 09 Record

It had been noted that the 09 record for private catalogue documentation was inconsistent. The request was made to either remove all references to a 09 record or update the handbook to make sure the 09 record is documented correctly and ensure that the networks are able to process the 09 record for a PC.

The handbook is to be rectified to make sure the 09 record documentation for private catalogues is correct.

4. All Available Catalogues Request

As the industry is becoming smaller with more operations becoming centralised a request has been made to make available the requesting of an entire weeks catalogues for all selling centres.

The issue is that there are time outs with some FTP software of 30 seconds. Currently a request for one selling centre's catalogues for an entire week will take the network 2-3 minutes to build the response file. If the request is made for all selling centres this could increase this time to around 10

minutes which will present issues with client software disconnecting before the response file is built. It would be preferable to handle this at the software level with multiple requests made to the network.

The main issue is that the client will drop the FTP sessions and there is currently no solution to this problem other than a looping and reconnecting structure in the FTP scripts. The handbook standards theoretically handle a full sale week request, however practically it will depend on how the network and client software interact.

5. Requests for Action Receipt

A request has been made to have a confirmation transmission from the recipient of DO transmissions. Currently the only way for a confirmation to be received that a DO has been received is either an email or phone call.

It would be complicated to handle this with 09 records, multi receivers and matching the data as it came back. It will also rely heavily on the receivers sending back the transmission which may not be reliable.

Discussions between relevant group members will occur outside of the meeting to find a solution.

6. Bale Numbers and Bale weights

NASC has received several complaints about under and overweight bales being identified post sale. A request has been made for the identification of these lots pre sale with bale numbers and bale weights included in the AC. This data has implication for many functions including SFE deliverable lots and NWD. Exporters have been surveyed on this issue and positive responses have been received from two companies for this data to be made available. If necessary this data could be made only available to AWEX.

An enquiry was made as to whether there was a view that the minimum and maximum bale weights should be enforced, at the NASC level this was the case.

An enquiry was made as to whether brokers had agreed to provide the data, the four brokers that are NASC representatives had agreed to provide the data.

This would add a lot of data to the AC transmission and an enquiry was made as to whether a flag for under and overweight bales would be sufficient. This would not meet the NWD and classer needs.

The item will be reviewed at the next meeting after members have had time to review further.

7. Remove record 32B

AWTA has started issuing standardised mean fibre curvature. Currently the 32B record data is not standardised and is no longer needed.

An enquiry was made as to whether the removal would create any issues with combined results, it was confirmed that there would be no issue.

The record will be removed with the next handbook release.

8. Other Business

AWTA FTP Documentation

The documentation for FTP access to the AWTA Network had changed and that the changes will be documented and included in the next handbook release.

9. Next Meeting

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