



27th February 2014

Release of NWD Version 6.1, March 2014 To comply with Australia's Privacy Laws

Members are advised that in order to comply with changes to Australia's Privacy Laws to take effect on 12th March 2014, the Australian Wool Exchange (AWEX) has updated the NWD to Version 6.1, March 2014 (see attached). These modifications relate to matters of privacy; and to ensure that Owner/Managers have a better understanding of the NWD-Integrity Program.

Two changes were implemented; firstly, the statement near the signature on the NWD now reads:

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 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 and (c) I authorise the selling agent to submit this document to AWEX (if requested) for the purpose of the Integrity Program. Details of the AWEX Integrity Program and Privacy Policy are available on the AWEX website: www.awex.com.au.

And secondly, the Background to the National Wool Declaration in the Instructions, Definitions and Codes now reads:

- → Information provided in the National Wool Declaration is the responsibility of the Owner/Manager.
- → The Owner/Manager must sign the Declaration.
- → By completing this Declaration, the Owner/Manager acknowledges that:
 - o The Vendor's selling agent will catalogue the wool based on the statements you make, and buyers will in turn rely on those statements.
 - o This Declaration may be subject to random audit or inspection as part of the NWD-Integrity Program, and the results may be made available to the buyers of the declared wool and the selling agent.
 - o I authorise the selling agent to submit this document to AWEX for the purpose of the Integrity Program.

NWD Version 6.1, March 2014 is available now on the AWEX website and we urge all brokers and private treaty merchants to use this latest version when printing shearing stationery.

A separate NWD as well as the integrated Landscape and Portrait Classer's Specis, which include NWD V6.1, March 2014, are available on the AWEX website at: www.awex.com.au. Follow the links to Publications and to NWD. Company logos can be added to any NWD on request.

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Completion of the National Wool Declaration (NWD)

- → Determine the order of shearing **prior to** completing the NWD. It is recommended that:
 - Mobs with a higher Dark and Medullated Fibre risk are shorn last,
 - Mobs of a different Mulesing Status can be kept separate, and/or
 - The wool from mobs with similar characteristics can be combined as required especially; for example, oddment lines.
- → To declare the DMFR and/or Mulesing Status for each mob (and line of wool):
 - The Owner/Manager, preferably in consultation with the Woolclasser, in the NWD Section, must:
 - Complete the NWD Mob questions.
 - Answer the question "Has Mulesing Ceased on this Property (i.e. no lamb born on this property in the last 12 months has been mulesed)? ☐ YES or ☐ NO (Tick Box)"
 - Sign and date the declaration.
 - The Woolclasser, in the central Specification section, must list
 ALL Mob Numbers used to make up each line of wool.
- → **Note 1:** If Mulesing has ceased on the property, CM will be allocated to lines of wool from mobs that contain some (or all) mulesed sheep.
- → **Note 2:** If the DMFR or Mulesing declaration is left blank or is incomplete, Not Declared (ND) will be recorded for these lines of wool.

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

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Age/Shearing	Code	Breed	Code	Sex	Code
1 st Shearing	1	Merino	M	Ewes	E
2 nd Shearing to 2 years	2	Afrino	FO	Wethers	W
3 years	3	SAMM	MS	Rams	R
4 years	4	Corriedale	CD	Mixed (E/W/R)	M
5 years	5	Crossbred	ХВ	~~	
6, 7, 8 years etc.	6, 7, 8	Downs	DN	V	
Mixed, e.g. 3 to 5 years	3 - 5	Shedding Breeds	SB		
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