SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOOL INDUSTRY EDP USERS GROUP HELD ON TUESDAY THE 14th OF JUNE 2016

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1. EID format

The group was updated on work that has been done for RFID tags in the wool pipeline. A tag has been identified and the second phase of the work using an EID for a tag has been trialled in movement within warehouses and between entities. The structure of this EID has been outlined, it is a numerical code and is locked so users cannot overwrite the code.

There are two approaches for creating the code, one is to use an international standard such as GS1 however this adds a cost of 10 to 15 cents per tag and is more suitable for operations like supermarkets. It is felt that it is more appropriate to use an industry specific code. There are existing fields that could be used in the WIEDPUG standards, there are no requirements for any document changes.

An enquiry was made regarding if it was easy for international companies to use the data and would it be possible for a grower to identify his clip. It was clarified that the EID is just a unique identifier of the tag. The tags do have additional memory which could be used if necessary.

Updates on the progress of the trial will be provided at subsequent meetings.

2. Storage & Delivery data in catalogues

Periodically this group has considered receival and storage information for cataloguing and invoicing documents to address issues regarding pre-sale information. AWEX made an undertaking previously to provide information to brokers, the report to be provided is just a statement of data that is being transmitted, the intention is the broker can validate the data.

When there are multiple storage centres it is important the data is correct. This report is very useful as not all brokers are 100% sure what they sending. It was confirmed the report would only be sent to brokers. It was intended to be an end of month report but the feedback from the group on the frequency was weekly might be more useful.

There is a facility in the handbook for an acknowledgment file to be returned after submission of data, should this be used?

In regards to cleaning up the definitions the movement of the wool pre-sale is key to determining the PSC. The centre auction field is perhaps not the best field to use, it may be better to create a new field centre receival. Most buyers are using the centre auction field as the coring centre, the quick patch implemented needs some review. A review will be undertaken and a report provided at the next meeting.

3. WSA Format

The current WSA's were based on 1986 geographical locations defined by the ABS. A new standard was released in 2011, the ABS recommended the use of the new standard to be able to use things such as shape files. The question asked of the group is should we move to the new standard or stay with the old standard.

It was noted that WSA's are not part of the WIEDPUG standards. If there were to be changes there would be implication for data provided using the old standard. There may be systems that are dependent on WSA codes in the current format, there would need to be time to review any proposed changes. The group is asked to review if there is a requirement for WSA changes and any implications changes to WSA might have. The item will be added to the next meeting for follow up.

4. Weighing Date for Untested Wool

Changes requested to be made were outlined to address the issue of providing the last weighing date for untested wool. The issue was stressed as urgent and a request made for the changes to be included with the July 2016 handbook release.

The group consensus was for the reporting flag field to be added to the 20 record and a new code of U added. The field would be mandatory in Australia.

An enquiry was made regarding if it was mandatory what would occur if the date was unknown. The group felt that the date would be known and that brokers will be able to work with the field.

The group consensus was that that the change could be implemented for the July 2016 release.

A concern was raised regarding using the reporting flag, what would be used for tested wool? The group noted that a new code of U would be added to the reporting flag to indicate untested wool, tested wool would use the existing codes for the reporting flag field.

The field will not be required for NZ.

The change to allow for the last weighing date of untested wool in AC and PC documents will be included in an erratum release of the version 31.1 WIEDPUG handbook. This erratum version will come into effect on July 25 2016.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for the 22nd of August 2016.