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National Wool Declaration V9.3 - Finalised

The 2022 NWD review has been completed following extensive consultation and feedback from industry. AWEX appreciates the constructive comments received from organisations and individuals.

The approved key changes to the NWD V9.3 are:

- NM definition refers to the exclusion of liquid nitrogen,
- Introduction of Liquid Nitrogen (LN) for sheep treated with liquid nitrogen,
- LN mobs to be identified separately from NM, AA, M, ND mobs,
- CM has been retained,
- Both questions related to Ceased Mulesing (CM) Status now have a 12 month time frame, and
- NM & LN clips may be eligible for CM, where NM or LN is used on the youngest mobs.

The attached NWD V9.3 template includes the categories, their definitions and supporting explanations.

IMPORTANT:

Industry stakeholders developing documents or stationery must not change any of the wording or definitions in the NWD V9.3. This is to ensure consistency of the NWD, to maximise the integrity of all Australian declarations, and to provide our customers with clarity on each NWD category enabling them to make informed purchasing decisions.

In finalising this NWD review, the AWEX Board is announcing that a full review will commence in 2023, for implementation in July 2024.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The NWD V9.3 will come into effect on 25 July 2022. All selling agents are encouraged to adopt early the NWD V9.3 to allow all declarations to be made using V9.3 by 25 July 2022.

The implementation and communication strategy is:

1. Mid-March 2022:

- Release of NWD V9.3 to industry stakeholders,
- Release Business Rules (translation and combination rules),
- Advise IT system requirements and new code(s),
- Commence communications campaign, and
- NWD brochures, templates and FAQ documentation updated, released to industry and published on the AWEX website www.awex.com.au.

2. 25 July 2022:

- All declarations made after 25 July 2022 must be made using NWD V9.3.
- NWD V8.0 or earlier Versions received prior to 25 July 2022 will remain valid.

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National Wool Declaration (NWD) Definitions/Supporting Explanations

Please use the most accurate definition that applies to each mob. Mobs treated with Liquid Nitrogen must be declared as LN.

Definitions

Non Mulesed (NM)	No sheep in this mob have been mulesed [^] or treated with liquid nitrogen#.
Liquid Nitrogen (LN)	Sheep in this mob have been treated with liquid nitrogen#.
Analgesic &/or Anaesthetic (AA)	Sheep in this mob have been mulesed [^] <u>with</u> the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA.
Mulesed (M)	Sheep in this mob have been mulesed [^] <u>without</u> the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA.
Ceased Mulesing (CM)	No lambs born on this property in the last 12 months have been mulesed [^] . No mulesed [^] (or AA) ewes or wethers have been purchased in the last 12 months.

Supporting Explanations

[^]Mulesing	The removal of skin from the breech <u>and/or</u> tail of a sheep using mulesing shears. <i>Source:</i> Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep prepared by Animal Health Australia, V1.0 2016.
#Liquid Nitrogen	The application of liquid nitrogen where ultra-low temperatures are used to degenerate tissue and result in the removal of skin from the breech <u>and/or</u> tail of a sheep.
Mobs of Mixed Status	For <u>mobs of mixed status</u> , use the lowest applicable status according to this hierarchy, NM > LN > AA > M > ND. For example, declare AA for a mob containing NM and AA sheep, or declare M for a mob containing LN and M sheep.

Shedding Breeds Definitions

Shedding Breeds	Breeds that shed fibre (e.g. Afrikaner, Australian White, Awassi, Damara, Black Headed and White Dorper, Karakul, Meatmaster, Persian, Van Rooy, Wiltipoll, Wiltshire Horn).
Contact with Shedding Breeds	Mated to, or run together since the previous shearing, with shedding breed sheep or their crosses (includes lambs from shedding breed sheep or their crosses).

Completing the NWD

- The Owner/Manager is responsible for ensuring the NWD is completed correctly.
- To complete the NWD:
 - Answer the two Property questions.
 - Record the PIC.
 - Complete the Mob Details (Mob No., Mob Status, Age/Shearing Code, Breed Code, Sex Code, Contact with Shedding Breeds and Shearing/Crutching History).
 - The Owner/Manager must Sign and Date the Declaration.
- The Wool Classer will complete the remainder of the Classer's Specification, including filling out the Bale Range for each Mob, and the Mob Numbers for all lines of wool.

NWD Codes

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	SM	Rams	R
4 years	4	Corriedale	CD	Mixed (E/W/R)	M
5 years	5	Polwarth	PW		
6, 7, 8 years etc.	6, 7, 8...	Crossbred	XB		
Mixed age, e.g. 4 to 6 years	4 – 6 or 4, 5, 6	Downs	DN		
		Shedding Breeds	SB		
		Carpet Wool	CW		

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Work, Health & Safety: In addition to completing this NWD, the Owner/Manager is also responsible for participation in the Integrity Program, which includes random desk audits and on farm inspections. The Owner/Manager acknowledges and agrees that they will participate in the on farm inspection in a way that is compliant with health and safety rules, and will advise AWEX if a scheduled inspection would be unsafe.