

# National Wool Declaration (NWD) V10.0

## Business Rules for MS

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### ***Release Note - Introduction***

This document applies to the National Wool Declaration (NWD) Version 10.0 (see Appendix 1 and AWEX website [www.awex.com.au](http://www.awex.com.au)). This version was released on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 and is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024.

The NWD is an industry recognised form that allows a wool grower to declare their on-farm animal husbandry/welfare practices on mobs of sheep, in this instance, specifically in relation to mulesing and liquid nitrogen. As a naming convention, this document will refer to these mob and property declarations as “MS”. The Declaration values on this form are in turn translated into “MS” values for sale lots of wool. This document details the technical business rules for both on farm and post farm use.

## SECTION A: ON FARM

### 1. Definition of 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 prepared by Animal Health Australia, V1.0 2016.

### 2. Definition of 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 and/or tail of a sheep.

### 3. Registration of Analgesic &/or Anaesthetic Products

All Analgesic &/or Anaesthetic products used at mulesing or with liquid nitrogen must be registered for use by APVMA.

### 4. Declaration Criteria

- The Mob MS (MMS), previously Mulesing Status, code may be declared on all Sheep Breeds (Merino, Crossbred, Downs etc.) and Ages on a recognised NWD V10.0 document.
- A recognised NWD V10.0 complies with all the industry agreed definitions and audit requirements and is associated with an accompanying Wool Classer’s Specification, see Item 7.

### 5. Third-Party Quality/Registration Schemes

There are several third-party Quality/Registration Schemes that include animal welfare practices (such as mulesing or liquid nitrogen), which may be recorded on the Wool Classer’s Specification. These Scheme Names can be published using the Quality/Registration Scheme fields in the printed and electronic catalogues.

The Sale Lot MS code can only be generated from a recognised NWD V10.0. The MMS code is not to be derived from a third-party scheme.

### 6. NWD Property and MMS Codes and Definitions

MS codes declared using the NWD V10.0 are based on two levels of definitions; viz. Property (Brand/PIC) level and Mob level, with these defined in the table below.

Property MS	Name	Definition/Meaning (If Eligible)
<b>CM</b>	Ceased Mulesing	No lambs born on this property in the last 12 months have been mulesed <sup>^</sup> , <u>and</u> No mulesed <sup>^</sup> (or AA) ewes or wethers have been purchased in the last 12 months. <i>Note:</i> For a property to be eligible for CM status, the answer to both CM property questions must be No.
Mob MS	Name	Definition/Meaning (if Code used)
<b>NM</b>	Non Mulesed	Sheep in this mob <u>have not</u> been mulesed <sup>^</sup> or treated with liquid nitrogen <sup>#</sup> .
<b>LN</b>	Liquid Nitrogen	Sheep in this mob have been treated with liquid nitrogen <sup>#</sup> .
<b>AA</b>	mulesed with Analgesic/ Anaesthetic	Sheep in this mob have been mulesed <sup>^</sup> <u>with</u> the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA.
<b>M</b>	Mulesed	Sheep in this mob have been mulesed <sup>^</sup> <u>without</u> the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA.

<sup>^</sup>See definition of Mulesing in Item 1.

<sup>#</sup>See definition of Liquid Nitrogen in Item 2.

**Note:** CM is not a valid MMS. Only NM, LM, AA or M may be declared for each Mob.

## 7. **The National Wool Declaration**

- (a) The NWD is the responsibility of the Owner/Manager of a property.

When signing the NWD, the Owner/Manager warrants that: “By signing this National Wool 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 the Australian Wool Exchange (AWEX), if requested, for the purpose of the Integrity Program and (c) I understand that random desk audits and on farm inspections are undertaken, 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).”

- (b) The NWD must not be completed by the Wool Classer (unless they are the Owner/Manager), Wool Selling Agent or other persons, unless under explicit instruction by the Owner/Manager. The Owner/Manager’s signature is still necessary for a valid declaration.
- (c) The NWD is voluntary and may be collected in varying ways depending on Seller preference. That is, some Sellers use a combined Wool Classer’s Specification and NWD form (see pages 11 & 12 for Landscape and 13 & 14 for Portrait), while others use a separate NWD form (see page 15). The NWD V10.0 forms are available on the AWEX website: [www.awex.com.au](http://www.awex.com.au).

The NWD V10.0 may also be completed and submitted electronically using WoolClip wool classing software.

- (d) Regardless of the cosmetic presentation of the NWD, to be recognised as a valid MS declaration, the definitions and supporting explanations (as specified in Item 6) must be used by all Sellers. A Seller must not change any of the definitions or supporting explanations in the NWD V10.0. MS should be declared, as applicable, at both the Property (PIC/Brand) level (CM) and the Mob level (NM, LN, AA or M).
- (e) It is incumbent on the Wool Selling Agent to provide the contact details of the Owner/Manager of the property (Brand) to AWEX to facilitate any potential verification of AA or LN or an on farm inspection for NM or CM (see Item 22). The contact details include Owner/Manager name, postal or physical address, phone numbers, email address and PIC.

## 8. **Property Level Declaration: Ceased Mulesing**

It is necessary to re-submit the Property (PIC/Brand) level declaration of CM (answering both questions) for every shearing, as it is possible that a property that previously declared CM has changed its animal husbandry/welfare practices.


## 9. **Mob Level Declaration: Business Rules**

The MMS of individual mobs should be declared according to the following rules:

- (a) If a mob comprises one MMS, viz.:
- only NM sheep, it should be declared as NM.
  - only LN sheep, it should be declared as LN
  - only AA sheep, it should be declared as AA.
  - only M sheep, it should be declared as M.
  - only sheep of unknown MS, it should be declared as mulesed (M) or not declared, resulting in Not Declared [ND]≈ in the Sale Catalogue or Test Certificate.

≈Square brackets [ ] are used in this document to refer to a Sale Lot MS code (for ease of reading). The [ ] are not published in Sale Catalogues or Test Certificates.

(b) The hierarchy for MMS is: NM > LN > AA > M > ND. For mobs of mixed MMS (e.g. the mob is not drafted prior to shearing), the following applies:

Where a mob contains mixed MMS, the lowest MMS applies					
MMS					
	NM	LN	AA	M	ND

**Example 1:** If a mob contains LN and AA sheep, using the hierarchy, moving left to right along the horizontal MMS row, the lowest MMS applies, i.e. AA.

**Example 2:** If a mob contains NM, AA and M sheep, using the hierarchy, moving left to right along the horizontal MMS row, the lowest MMS applies, i.e. M.

## SECTION B: POST FARM

### 10. Determination of a Valid Declaration

The minimum requirements for a valid declaration are:

- (a) It must have a Brand.
- (b) It must have a Trading Name.
- (c) It must be signed by the Owner/Manager.
- (d) A MMS of NM, LN, AA, or M must be declared.
- (e) The Owner/Manager's contact details must be provided.

### 11. Publication of Sale Lot MS Codes

- (a) The Sale Lot MS shall be calculated and published in Private/Public Catalogues and Lot Invoices.
- (b) The Sale Lot MS shall be published on the IWTO Test Certificate as "declared information".
- (c) The Sale Lot MS may be published against all Wool Categories (Fleece, Pieces, Bellies, Lambs, Locks, Crutchings etc.) for any Breed.

### 12. Definition of Sale Lot MS Codes

Sale Lot MS Codes published in Sale Catalogues, Test Certificates or Invoices are determined according to the Property and Mob level definitions in Item 6. These Sale Lot MS Codes are described in the table below.

Sale Lot MS Code <sup>~</sup>	Name	Definition/Meaning
[NM]	Non Mulesed	This Sale Lot contains only wool sourced from sheep/mobs declared as NM. The two Property level CM questions may be answered Yes or No, or if one or both is not completed, [NM] applies.
[LN]	Liquid Nitrogen	This Sale Lot contains wool sourced from sheep/mobs declared as LN. For Sale Lots of mixed MS, see Item 13. The two Property level CM questions may be answered Yes or No, or if one or both is not completed, [LN] applies.
[CM]	Ceased Mulesing	This Sale Lot may contain wool sourced from sheep/mobs declared as AA or M. Where <u>both</u> Property level CM questions are answered No, and Mob level questions are answered AA or M, [CM] applies.
[AA]	mulesed <u>with</u> Analgesic &/or Anaesthetic	This Sale Lot contains wool sourced from sheep/mobs declared as AA. For Sale Lots of mixed MS, see Item 13. Where one, or both, of the Property level CM questions is answered Yes, or if one or both is not completed, [AA] applies.
[M]	Mulesed	This Sale Lot contains wool sourced from sheep/mobs declared as M. For Sale Lots of mixed MS, see Item 13. Where one, or both, of the Property level CM questions is answered Yes, or if one or both is not completed, [M] applies.

Sale Lot MS Code <sup>≈</sup>	Name	Definition/Meaning
[ND]	Not Declared	<p>This Sale Lot contains wool sourced from sheep/mobs where no Mob level declaration has been made. For Sale Lots of mixed MS, see Item 13.</p> <p>Where one, or both, of the Property level CM questions is answered Yes, or if one or both is not completed, and the Mob level questions are not answered, [ND] applies.</p> <p>Where both Property level CM questions are answered No, and the Mob level questions are not completed, [ND] applies.</p>

<sup>≈</sup>Square brackets [ ] are used in this document to refer to a Sale Lot MS code (for ease of reading). The [ ] are not published in catalogues or certificates.

### 13. Business Rules where Bale/Sale Lot contains Components of Mixed MMS

Where a bale or Sale Lot contains wool from a mob or mobs of mixed MMS, the lowest MS value shall apply as follows.

The MMS values from highest to lowest are: **NM > LN > AA > M > ND**.

### 14. Calculation Logic for Sellers: Sale Lot MS

The following rules define the Sale Lot MS for a P, D or F (Wool Preparation Category) Certificate:

- (a) Determine if the NWD is a valid Declaration, see minimum requirements in Item 10. If the minimum requirements are not met, all associated Sale Lots are deemed Not Declared [ND].
- (b) Determine the MMS:
  - If only one mob exists (in the bale or Sale Lot), the MMS of the mob shall apply, or
  - Where a bale or Sale Lot contains wool from multiple mobs of differing MMS, the lowest MMS shall apply, viz. NM > LN > AA > M > ND.
  - Determine eligibility for CM status, viz. the two Property (Brand/PIC) level questions are as follows:
    1. *Have any lambs born on this property been mulesed in the last 12 months? and*
    2. *Have any mulesed (or AA) ewes/wethers been purchased in the last 12 months?*
      - i. Where the Owner/Manager answers “No” to both Property level questions, the property is eligible for CM status, and the following applies:
        - If the MMS is NM, the result shall be [NM].
        - If the MMS is LN, the result shall be [LN],
        - If the MMS is AA or M, the result shall be [CM].
        - If the MMS is not completed, the result shall be [ND].
      - ii. Where one or both of the Property level CM questions is answered Yes, or if one or both is not completed, the property is not eligible for CM status, and the following applies:
        - If the MMS is NM, LN, AA, M or ND, the result shall be [NM], [LN], [AA], [M] or [ND], respectively.



**15. Quick Reference Mapping Table for Sellers: Sale Lot MS**

The following table maps the MMS to Sale Lot MS, taking into account whether the property is eligible for CM status.

Where the Property <u>is eligible</u> for CM status	
Mob MS	Sale Lot MS
NM	[NM]
LN	[LN]
AA	[CM]
M	[CM]
Not completed	[ND]

*Note*, if LN and AA or M wool is mixed, the lowest MMS shall apply, viz, AA or M, respectively. And based on a derived MMS of AA or M, the Sale Lot Mulesing Status would be CM.

The following table maps the MMS to Sale Lot MS, taking into account whether the property is not eligible for CM status.

Where the Property <u>is not eligible</u> for CM status	
Mob MS	Sale Lot MS
NM	[NM]
LN	[LN]
AA	[AA]
M	[M]
Not completed	[ND]

*Note*, if LN and AA or M wool is mixed, the lowest MMS shall apply, viz, AA or M, respectively.

**16. Calculation Logic for Sellers: Interlot MS (Sale Lots)**

The following rules define the Interlot MS for an I (Wool Preparation Category) Certificate:

- (a) Where the Sale Lot MS is the same for each component of a Family Interlot (i.e. same Brand) or Mixed Source Interlot, that MS value will apply to the Interlot, i.e. [NM], [LN], [CM], [AA], [M] or [ND].
- (b) Where the Sale Lot MS is different for any components of a Family Interlot (i.e. same Brand) or Mixed Source Interlot, the lowest MS value will apply to the Interlot. The values from highest to lowest are: [NM] > [LN] > [CM] > [AA] > [M] > [ND].

**17. Calculation Logic for Sellers: Bulk Class MS (Sale Lots)**

The following rules define the Bulk Class MS for a B or Q (Wool Preparation Category) Certificate:

- (a) Where the MS is the same for each portion/component of a Bulk Class Sale Lot, that MS value will apply to the Bulk Class Sale Lot, i.e. [NM], [LN], [CM], [AA], [M] or [ND].
- (b) Where the MS is different for any portion/component of a Bulk Class Sale Lot, the lowest MS value will apply to the Bulk Class. The values from highest to lowest are: [NM] > [LN] > [CM] > [AA] > [M] > [ND].

*Note*, both (a) and (b) must be supported by documented evidence provided to AWEX on request, including itemised Wool Classer’s Specifications, NWDs and weights for each portion/component.



**18. Calculation Logic for AWTA: Objectively Matched Lot MS (Sale Lots)**

The following rules define the OML MS for a M or N (Wool Preparation Category) Certificate:

- (a) Where the Sale Lot MS is the same for each component of an OML, that MS value will apply to the OML, i.e. [NM], [LN], [CM], [AA], [M] or [ND].
- (b) Where the Sale Lot MS is different for any component of an OML, the lowest MS value will apply to the OML. The values from highest to lowest are: [NM] > [LN] > [CM] > [AA] > [M] > [ND].

**19. Seller Rules post-1 July 2024 for MS Declarations based on NWD V8.0 or earlier**

Sale Lots (P, D and F Certificates), Interlots (I Certificates) and Bulk Class (B and Q Certificates) require rules to change the MS of lots sampled pre- and post-25 July 2022.

The rules for any lots sampled post-25 July 2022 based on NWD V8.0 or earlier are:

- (a) For Sale Lot MS declared as Non Mulesed [NM], the Seller will apply [NM].
- (b) For Sale Lot MS declared as Mulesed [M], the Seller will change [ ] to [M].
- (c) For Sale Lot MS declared as Pain Relief [PR], the Seller will change [PR] to [AA].
- (d) For Sale Lot MS declared as Ceased Mulesing [CM], the Seller will apply [CM].

Sellers should note, for any Test Certificate reissues, the rules post-1 July 2024 based on NWD V8.0 or earlier are:

- (e) For a Seller request to reissue MS on Bulk Class (B and Q Certificates) sampled pre-25 July 2022, the requested MS must be [ND]; if not, [ND] will be applied by AWTA.

Note, a Seller request to reissue Test Certificates for any changes other than MS will also result in the MS being updated, with all the rules in Item 19 applied by AWTA.

**20. AWTA Rules post-1 July 2024 for MS Declarations based on NWD V8.0 or earlier**

Sale Lots (P, D and F Certificates), Interlots (I Certificates), Bulk Class (B and Q Certificates) and OMLs (M Certificates) require rules to change the MS of Test Certificates issued post-25 July 2022.

The rules for any Test Request Verification (TRV) received or any Test Certificates reissued, reprinted, retransmitted, or combined post-1 July 2024 based on NWD V8.0 or earlier are:

- (a) Where Sale Lot MS is Non Mulesed [NM], AWTA will apply [NM].
- (b) Where Sale Lot MS is Mulesed (M), AWTA will change [ ] to [M].
- (c) Where Sale Lot MS is Pain Relief [PR], AWTA will change [PR] to [AA].
- (d) Where a Sale Lot MS is Ceased Mulesing [CM], AWTA will apply [CM].
- (e) When reissuing MS on Bulk Class (B and Q Certificates) sampled pre-25 July 2022, the requested MS must be [ND]; if not, AWTA will apply [ND].

Note, reissuing Test Certificates for any changes other than MS will also result in the MS being updated, with the above rules applied.

- (f) When reprinting and retransmitting Test Certificates issued pre-25 July 2022, the original MS declarations will be retained, as historical data will not be changed. Sellers/Buyers/Traders can request that these be reissued with the updated MS, which will then be provided on a new Test Certificate, with the above rules applied.
- (g) Combined Test Certificates requested post-25 July 2022 that contain lots that were issued as [PR] or [ ] pre-25 July 2022 will retain [PR] or [ ] in the sale lot list on the right hand side of the combination, as historical data will not be changed. Where Buyers/Exporters require

sale lots to be re-issued, requests should be referred back to the original seller, who will then advise AWTA to reissue the certificate. This must be done prior to requesting the Combination certificate.

**21. Quick Reference Mapping Table for NWD V10.0 or earlier, sampled post-1 July 2024**

Note, the AWTA Network does not validate the transmission of MS data.

The following table summarises the translation of NWD V8.0 or earlier Sale Lots (P, D and F Certificates), Interlots (I and N Certificates), Bulk Class (B and Q Certificates) and OMLs (M Certificate) to NWD V10.0:

NWD V8.0 or earlier sampled post-1 July 2024	
MS Declared	MS Conversion
[NM]	[NM]
[AA]	[AA]
[PR]	[AA]
[ ]	[M]
[ND]	[ND]
[CM]	[CM]

**22. National Wool Declaration - Integrity Program**

The National Wool Declaration - Integrity Program (NWD-IP) is an extensive program of Desktop Audits/Verifications and On Farm Inspections conducted by the AWEX, which was designed to build wool pipeline and consumer confidence in Australian wool. It aims to:

- (a) establish the accuracy of the NWD with respect to MS declarations,
- (b) provide an independent monitoring and reporting service to industry, and
- (c) in the event of Non Compliance, apply corrective actions to prevent recurrence.

Declarations of NM, LN, AA or CM are all eligible to be randomly selected for an NWD-IP Desktop Audit, Verification or On Farm Inspection, as per the following:

**Desktop Audit** – Validate that the correct MMS is published ~1,500 Declarations p/a.

**Desktop Verification of LN or AA** – Validate mobs declared as LN or AA ~450 Verifications p/a.

Note, alternatively, LN may be validated through an On Farm Inspection.

**On Farm Inspection** – Validate mobs declared as NM or CM (or LN) ~225 Inspections p/a.

See Brochures “NWD V10.0 Declaring what the World’s Demanding” and “How to Complete the NWD Correctly”, NWD FAQs available at [www.awex.com.au](http://www.awex.com.au).

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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

<b>Non Mulesed (NM)</b>	Sheep in this mob <u>have not</u> been mulesed <sup>^</sup> or treated with liquid nitrogen <sup>#</sup> .
<b>Liquid Nitrogen (LN)</b>	Sheep in this mob <u>have</u> been treated with liquid nitrogen <sup>#</sup> .
<b>Analgesic &amp;/or Anaesthetic (AA)</b>	Sheep in this mob have been mulesed <sup>^</sup> <u>with</u> the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA.
<b>Mulesed (M)</b>	Sheep in this mob have been mulesed <sup>^</sup> <u>without</u> the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA.
<b>Ceased Mulesing (CM)</b>	No lambs born on this property in the last 12 months have been mulesed <sup>^</sup> . No mulesed <sup>^</sup> (or AA) ewes or wethers have been purchased in the last 12 months. <i>Note:</i> For a property to be eligible for CM status, the answer to both CM property questions must be 'No'.

### Supporting Explanations


<b><sup>^</sup>Mulesing</b>	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.
<b><sup>#</sup>Liquid Nitrogen</b>	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.
<b>Mobs of Mixed Status</b>	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

<b>Shedding Breeds</b>	Breeds that shed fibre (e.g. Afrikaner, Australian White, Awassi, Damara, Black Headed and White Dorper, Karakul, Meatmaster, Persian, Van Rooy, Wiltipoll, Wiltshire Horn).
<b>Contact with Shedding Breeds</b>	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

### NWD Codes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ The Owner/Manager is responsible for ensuring the NWD is completed correctly.</li> <li>→ To complete the NWD:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Answer the two Ceased Mulesing Property questions.</li> <li>○ Record the PIC.</li> <li>○ Complete the Mob Details (Mob No., Mob Status, Age/Shearing Code, Breed Code, Sex Code, Contact with Shedding Breeds and Shearing/Crutching History).</li> <li>○ The Owner/Manager <u>must Sign</u> and <u>Date</u> the Declaration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>→ 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 <u>all lines</u> of wool.</li> </ul>	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/R)	<b>M</b>
	5 years	<b>5</b>	Polwarth	<b>PW</b>		
	6, 7, 8 years etc.	<b>6, 7, 8...</b>	Crossbred	<b>XB</b>		
	Mixed age, e.g. 4 to 6 years	<b>4 – 6 or 4, 5, 6</b>	Downs	<b>DN</b>		
		Shedding Breeds	<b>SB</b>			
<b>NWD V10.0, October 2023</b>			Carpet Wool	<b>CW</b>		

**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.





### 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

<b>Non Mulesed (NM)</b>	Sheep in this mob <u>have not been mulesed</u> <sup>^</sup> or treated with liquid nitrogen <sup>#</sup> .
<b>Liquid Nitrogen (LN)</b>	Sheep in this mob <u>have been treated with liquid nitrogen</u> <sup>#</sup> .
<b>Analgesic &amp;/or Anaesthetic (AA)</b>	Sheep in this mob have been mulesed <sup>^</sup> <u>with</u> the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA.
<b>Mulesed (M)</b>	Sheep in this mob have been mulesed <sup>^</sup> <u>without</u> the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA.
<b>Ceased Mulesing (CM)</b>	No lambs born on this property in the last 12 months have been mulesed <sup>^</sup> . No mulesed <sup>^</sup> (or AA) ewes or wethers have been purchased in the last 12 months. <i>Note:</i> For a property to be eligible for CM status, the answer to both CM property questions must be No.

#### Supporting Explanations

<b><sup>^</sup>Mulesing</b>	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.
<b><sup>#</sup>Liquid Nitrogen</b>	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.
<b>Mobs of Mixed Status</b>	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

<b>Shedding Breeds</b>	Breeds that shed fibre (e.g. Afrikaner, Australian White, Awassi, Damara, Black Headed and White Dorper, Karakul, Meatmaster, Persian, Van Rooy, Wiltipoll, Wiltshire Horn).
<b>Contact with Shedding Breeds</b>	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 Ceased Mulesing 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 Classifier will complete the remainder of the Classifier'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 <sup>st</sup> Shearing	Merino	M Ewes
2 <sup>nd</sup> shearing to 2 years	Afrino	FO Wethers
3 years	SAMM	SM Rams
4 years	Corriedale	CD Mixed (E/W/R)
5 years	Polwarth	PW
6, 7, 8 years	Crossbred	XB
Mixed age, e.g. 4 to 6 years	Downs	DN
	Shedding Breeds	SB
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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.

# National Wool Declaration

Grower ID: 

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 For Office Use Only

Business Name: .....

Farm Brand: ..... Phone No: (.....) .....

Property Identification Code (PIC): 

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Location (Town): .....

**Ceased Mulesing Status - Please answer the following questions (circle answers)**

1. Have any lambs born on this property been mulesed in the last 12 months? **Yes** or **No**
2. Have any mulesed (or AA) ewes/wethers been purchased in the last 12 months? **Yes** or **No**



Mob No.	Bale Range or 1 <sup>st</sup> Bale for Mob	Mob Status (circle one per mob)	Age Code	Breed Code	Sex Code	Contact with Shedding Breeds (Y/N)	Mob Crutched (Y/N)	Crutched within 3 months prior to Shearing (Y/N)	Office Use Only
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Age/Shearing Code	Breed Code	Sex Code	NWD Definitions
1 <sup>st</sup> Shearing	1 Merino	M Ewes E	<b>Non Mulesed (NM)</b> Sheep in this mob <u>have not</u> been mulesed <sup>^</sup> or treated with liquid nitrogen <sup>#</sup> .
2 <sup>nd</sup> Shearing to 2 yrs	2 Afrino	FO Wethers W	<b>Liquid Nitrogen (LN)</b> Sheep in this mob <u>have been</u> treated with liquid nitrogen <sup>#</sup> .
3 years	3 SAMM	SM Rams R	
4 years	4 Corriedale	CD Mixed M	<b>Analgesic &amp;/or Anaesthetic (AA)</b> Sheep in this mob have been mulesed <sup>^</sup> <u>with</u> the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA.
5 years	5 Polwarth	PW	
6, 7, 8 years etc.	6, 7, 8... Crossbred	XB	<b>Mulesed (M)</b> Sheep in this mob have been mulesed <sup>^</sup> <u>without</u> the use of an analgesic &/or anaesthetic product registered by APVMA.
Mixed, e.g. 4 to 6 yrs	4 - 6 or 4, 5, 6 Downs	DN	
	Shedding Breeds	SB	
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	Carpet Wool	CW	

NWD Definitions/Supporting Explanations	NWD Definitions
Please use the most accurate definition that applies to each mob. Mobs treated with Liquid Nitrogen must be declared as LN.	<b>Ceased Mulesing (CM)</b> No lambs born on this property in the last 12 months have been mulesed <sup>^</sup> . No mulesed <sup>^</sup> (or AA) ewes or wethers have been purchased in the last 12 months. <i>Note:</i> For a property to be eligible for CM status, the answer to both CM property questions must be No.

Work Health and Safety	NWD Supporting Explanations
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.	<b>^Mulesing</b> 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.
By signing this National Wool 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 the Australian Wool Exchange (AWEX), if requested, for the purpose of the Integrity Program and (c) I understand that random desk audits and on farm inspections are undertaken, 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: <a href="http://www.awex.com.au">www.awex.com.au</a> .	<b>#Liquid Nitrogen</b> 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.
	<b>Owner/Manager Name</b> .....

Owner/Manager Name	Shedding Breeds Definitions
<b>Signature</b> ..... <b>Date</b> ..... / ..... / .....	<b>Shedding Breeds</b> Breeds that shed fibre (e.g. Afrikaner, Australian White, Awassi, Damara, Black Headed and White Dorper, Karakul, Meatmaster, Persian, Van Rooy, Wiltipoll, Wiltshire Horn).
	<b>Contact with Shedding Breeds</b> 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).