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## Progress Update:

### 2019 Review of the National Wool Declaration

AWEX would like to thank the 161 individual, corporate and representative associations for their submissions as part of the second consultation round of the NWD review. To put this in perspective, 56 submissions were received in the first consultation round.

Industry engagement is a critical component of the review and the feedback and comments received were constructive and considered. Importantly an increasing number of submissions were received from overseas and downstream stakeholders in the supply chain.

The AWEX Board has accepted ISAC recommendations to replace NWD/Mulesing Status code 'PR' with 'AA' (Analgesic and/or Anaesthetic), where a registered AA product has been used, and reformat Ceased Mulesing to improve clarity and reduce errors. The definition of CM is unchanged.

The review of the NWD and the issues surrounding the declaration are challenging and complex. The challenge lies in keeping the NWD user friendly whilst delivering meaningful data to the diverse range of stakeholders and customers of Australian wool.

### DRAFT NWD V8 – 18 Feb 2020

DRAFT NWD V8 - 18 Feb 2020 is attached for comment. Summary points follow.

#### NM & AM:

- It was clear from the Round 2 submissions that sectors of the market perceive and value NM as wool coming from sheep that have not been mulesed or had no alternative method (to mulesing) applied.
- The proposal in Draft 1 to use NM1 and NM2 as a potential method of reporting separate methods was thought to be unclear and had little support.
- DRAFT NWD V8 18 Feb 2020 reinstates NM and proposes Alternative Methods (AM) to mulesing be introduced as separate from non-mulesed (NM).

#### NM:

- The definition of NM now includes reference to AM,
- **Definition NM:** All sheep in this mob are not mulesed, and no alternative method<sup>#</sup> (AM) to mulesing<sup>^</sup> has been used.

#### AM:

- AM is introduced,
- **Definition AM:** All sheep in this mob had an alternative method<sup>#</sup> (AM) to mulesing<sup>^</sup> used (may contain non mulesed sheep).

#### AA:

- AA replaces the existing PR code,
- The definition of AA is only applicable to its use at mulesing,
- **Definition AA:** All sheep in this mob were mulesed and treated with a registered Analgesic/Anaesthetic product at mulesing, and
- The use of AA is not able to declared with AM.

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## CM:

- CM has been reformatted into two property status questions,
- CM is the mulesing status code applicable where the response to both property questions is No and the mob mulesed status is M or AA.

## NWD layout:

- (circle one per mob) – to maintain the NWD as user friendly, the written instruction is to circle one mulesing status per mob. This approach is consistent with NWD V7,
- The definitions on page 2 have been updated.

## Mulesing Status:

The following Mulesing Status Codes are the result of Draft 2 NWD V8.  
NM, AM, CM, AA, ( ), ND

## Implementation:

It is proposed that the implementation and communication strategy will be in three stages:

1. March 2020 (tbc):
  - Release of NWD 8.
  - Shed stationary updates,
  - Business Rules (translation and combination rules), and
  - Advise IT system changes,
2. July 2020: New Code(s) accepted through data systems,
3. July 2021 forward: New Declarations made on NWD v.7 and prior to be invalid (excluding old or reoffer stock).

## Final Round Consultation:

AWEX Members and industry stakeholders are invited to provide feedback on DRAFT NWD V8 – 18 February 2020 (attached).

**Feedback/submissions must be received by: Close of Business on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

*Submissions must be in writing and include the name and address of the author/organisation. Emails are preferred and encouraged to ensure submissions are received by the closing date.*

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## National Wool Declaration (NWD) Definitions

<b>Non Mulesed (NM)</b>	All sheep in this mob are not mulesed, and <u>no</u> alternative method <sup>#</sup> to mulesing <sup>^</sup> has been used.
<b>Alternative Method (AM)</b>	All sheep in this mob <u>had an</u> alternative method <sup>#</sup> (AM) to mulesing <sup>^</sup> used (may contain non mulesed sheep).
<b>Ceased Mulesing (CM)</b>	No lambs born on this property in the last 12 months have <u>been mulesed</u> <sup>^</sup> . No mulesed <sup>^</sup> (or mulesed with AA) ewes/wethers have <u>been purchased</u> .
<b>Analgesic/Anaesthetic (AA)</b>	All sheep in this mob were mulesed and treated with an APVMA registered Pre- and/or Post-Analgesic/Anaesthetic product at mulesing <sup>^</sup> .
<b>Mulesed (M)</b>	<u>Some/all sheep</u> in this mob have been mulesed <sup>^</sup> .
<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.
<b><sup>#</sup> Alternative Method(s) to Mulesing</b>	<u>Any method</u> used as an alternative to mulesing <sup>^</sup> , which results in the removal or loss of skin from the breech <u>and/or</u> tail of a sheep.
<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:
  - Record the PIC.
  - Answer the two Property questions.
  - Complete the Mob details (Mob No., Mob Mulesing 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 1<sup>st</sup> Bale No. 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	1	Merino	M	Ewes	E
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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, e.g. 3 to 6 years	3 - 6	Downs	DN		
		Shedding Breeds	SB		
		Carpet Wool	CW		

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