# members'update

18 February 2020

# 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 <u>no</u> alternative method<sup>#</sup> (AM) to mulesing<sup>^</sup> has been used.

AM:

- AM is introduced,
- Definition AM: <u>All sheep</u> in this mob <u>had an</u> 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 28th 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.

Feedback and enquiries to:

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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="https://www.awex.com.au">www.awex.com.au</a>																					
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	National Wool Decl	aration (NWD) Definition	ons								
Non Mulesed (NM)		mulesed, and <u>no</u> alternative method <sup>#</sup> to mulesing^ has been used.									
Alternative Method (AM)	All sheep in this mob had an alternative method <sup>#</sup> (AM) to mulesing <sup>^</sup> used (may contain non mulesed sheep).										
Ceased Mulesing (CM)	No lambs born on this property in the last 12 months have been mulesed <sup>4</sup> .										
	No mulesed <sup>A</sup> (or mulesed with AA) ewes/wethers have been purchased.										
Analgesic/Anaesthetic (AA)	All sheep in this mob were mulesed and treated with an APVMA registered Pre- and/or Post- Analgesic/Anaesthetic product at mulesing <sup>^</sup> .										
Mulesed (M)	Some/all sheep in this mob have been mulesed <sup>^</sup> .										
^Mulesing	The removal of skin from the breech <u>and/or</u> tail of a sheep using mulesing shears. Source: Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep.										
<sup>#</sup> Alternative Method(s) to Mulesing	Any method used as an alternative to mulesing <sup>^</sup> , which results in the removal or loss of skin from the breech and/or tail of a sheep.										
Shedding Breeds	Breeds that shed fibre (e.g. Afrikaner, Australian White, Awas <mark>si, Damara, Bl</mark> ack Headed and White Dorper, Karakul, Meatmaster, Persian, Van Rooy, Wiltipoll, Wiltshire Horn).										
Contact with Shedding Breeds	Mated to, or r <mark>un</mark> together since from sh <mark>ed</mark> ding breed sheep or t		n shedding	breed sheep or the	ir cros	ses (includes larr	nbs				
Completing the	NWD		N	WD Codes							
<ul> <li>The Owner/Manager is responsible for correctly.</li> </ul>	ensuring the NWD is completed	Age/Shearing Code		Breed Code		Sex Code					
→ To complete the NWD:		1 <sup>st</sup> Shearing	1	Merino	М	Ewes	E				
• Record the PIC.		2 <sup>nd</sup> Shearing to 2 years	2	Afrino	FO SM	Wethers Rams	W				
<ul> <li>Answer the two Property question</li> </ul>	ons.	3 years	3	SAMM			R				
• Complete the Mob details (Mob	No., Mob Mulesing Status,	4 years	4	Corriedale	CD	Mixed (E/W/R)	Μ				
Age/Shearing Code, Breed Cod		5 years	5	Polwarth PW							
Shedding Breeds and Shearing/	• • • •	6, 7, 8 years etc.	6, 7, 8	Crossbred	ХВ						
• The Owner/Manager must Sign		Mixed, e.g. 3 to 6 years	3 - 6	Downs	DN						
The Wool Classer will complete the ren Specification, including filling out the 1 <sup>s</sup> Mob Numbers for ALL LINES of wool.	NWD V8.0, 18 FEB	Shedding Breeds Carpet Wool	SB CW	AWE	K						