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## 2011 Woolpack Standard Review

AWEX, through its Industry Services Advisory Committee (ISAC), is undertaking a review of the current woolpack standard.

Recently, the wool industry in NSW has been put on notice regarding the problem of over width loads. The Road Rules state that a legal load is one that does not exceed 2.5 metres in width. This road rule has been in place for many years and it is apparent that some loads of wool have exceeded that limit; and as a consequence, traffic infringement notices have been given to drivers.

The RTA held a workshop in Dubbo on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 where representatives of the transport industry, wool industry, RTA and police discussed the issue and ways that together we might seek a resolution. A further follow up meeting will take place in Sydney on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

In consideration of the above AWEX, is undertaking a review of the woolpack standard to assess if the contributing factors can be identified and determine if there may be a resolution through the standard. The first step is to gather data in relation to the dimensions of woolpacks received into the store and dump.

***AWEX is seeking support from interested wool brokers, warehouses, transport operators and dumps to assist in the gathering of data.*** To discuss the requirements of the review, companies interested in assisting AWEX should contact either:

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In addition, AWEX will be releasing educational and extension material (posters) in relation to the legal dimensions of woolpacks as well as the best practice for pressing a bale. These posters will be available for distribution.

AWEX invites submissions to this review for the consideration of ISAC.

## 2011 Bale Label Review

AWEX is also using this opportunity to review the current bale label. The current bale label design (landscape orientation) has been in place for almost 2 years with some minor modification to the positioning of the label and its construction during that period.

AWEX will be undertaking a survey of woolclassers, wool brokers, warehouses and dumps in relation to the use of the bale label.

AWEX invites support for this review from industry for the consideration of ISAC.

## ISAC Reviews

The reviews of the woolpack standard and the bale label, which will take place simultaneously, are part of the responsibilities of ISAC. Based on experience and skills, additional members will be invited to be part of ISAC for the evaluation of these issues.

The process for the reviews will be that all submissions, data and completed surveys will be available for the consideration of ISAC. ISAC will make recommendations to the AWEX Board, with Members kept informed of the progress, developments and trials (if any).

The first meeting to consider these issues is scheduled to take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

If you would like more information regarding the review process or to discuss anything in relation to wool packs or bale labels, please contact either:

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