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## NWD V4.0, March 2011

Following the release of the Outcomes of the 2010 NWD review, NWD V4.0, March 2011 is now available combined with the Woolclasser's specification, in both portrait and landscape designs.

To assist Sellers who would like to incorporate the NWD into their shearing stationery, AWEX provides the following guidelines, which apply to the combined Classer's Spec/NWD. The new combined document has a separate page listing the Definitions, Background and Guidelines for completing the NWD.

For Sellers who want to continue to use the separate NWD, the NWD V4.0, March 2011 version is also available (see page 8).

**Please read this carefully as it includes options that may suit your company.**

**Top Section** (see pages 2 & 5) – this is a generic section, which combines as many of the elements as we have found on Specification forms. While you may wish to use the top of this form as shown, equally you may modify it to suit your requirements. The question “Date Shearing Completed” should be included as it relates to the NWD and its Integrity Program.

**Middle Section** (see pages 2 & 5) – a column for “Mob Numbers” is the most critical aspect of the document as it is the link between the NWD and the line of wool, so it should be wide enough to write down up to 4 mobs. AWEX will be strongly encouraging Woolclassers to list all mobs for each line of wool. This should simplify the calculation of Mulesing Status and DMFR.

The number of rows and columns in this section as well as the headings is at the Seller's discretion. An “Office Use Only” column (left hand side) that is wide enough for lot numbers to be written down is encouraged as the information is useful for the determination of Mulesing Status, DMFR values and for NWD auditing purposes.

**Bottom Section** (see pages 2 & 5) – this section (highlighted in blue and within double lines) is standardized as it relates to the NWD that is completed by the Owner/Manager. Note; however, the other columns that are not highlighted (e.g. Length, VM, Quality etc.) are again at the Seller's discretion. You can modify these columns to suit your requirements.

**2nd page of Classer's Spec/NWD** (see pages 3 & 6) – the aim of this page is to provide as much space for the wool details as possible, and encourage the grower to only enter their details once on the first page. In addition, the grower need only answer the NWD property questions and sign the NWD once.

This 2<sup>nd</sup> page may have cost implications for printing; and therefore, this page is optional. You may wish to print multiple copies of the 1st page of the Classer's Spec/NWD.

**NWD Definitions, Background and Guidelines** (see pages 4 & 7) – to ensure that all aspects of the NWD are understood, it is important that this page is supplied with every set of shearing stationery so that the wool grower understands the NWD and what they are signing. It may; for example, be printed on the front or back cover of the stationery or as a separate sheet.

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## NWD Definitions, Background and Instructions

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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	Dohne	MD	Rams	R
4 years	4	SAMM	MS	Mixed (E/W/R)	M
5 years	5	Corriedale	CD		
6, 7, 8 years etc.	6, 7, 8....	Crossbred	XB		
Mixed, e.g. 3 to 5 years	3 - 5	Downs	DN		
		Shedding Breeds	SB		
		Carpet Wool	CW		



### Definitions

<b>1 Ceased Mulesing</b>	Any sheep born on this property in the last 12 months must not be mulesed at the time of this shearing and there must be no intention to mules in the future.
<b>2 Mulesing</b>	The removal of skin from the breech and/or tail of a sheep using mulesing shears.  <i>Source:</i> Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep (draft).
<b>3 Pain Relief</b>	A "Yes" must only be applied to the actual mobs of sheep that were mulesed using a recognised Pain Relief product.
<b>4 Record of Chemical Use</b>	If Yes (Y), details of mob, date, purpose and type and amount of chemical(s) must be recorded. If chemicals are not used, a record of this must also be kept.
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- ⊗ Information provided in the National Wool Declaration is the responsibility of the Owner/Manager.
- ⊗ The Owner/Manager **must sign** the Declaration.
- ⊗ By completing this Declaration, the Owner/Manager acknowledges that:
  - The Vendor's agent will catalogue the wool based on the statements you make, and buyers will in turn rely on those statements.
  - This Declaration may be subject to **random audit or inspection** as part of the NWD-Integrity Program.
- ⊗ **Note:** If either the DMFR or Mulesing Sections are left blank for any mob, then Not Declared will be applied to the lines of wool.

### Guidelines for the Completion of National Wool Declaration (NWD)

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