

SustainaWOOL Integrity Scheme - Audit Checklist

This document details the audit requirements applicable for SustainaWOOL Integrity Scheme growers completing the current SustainaWOOL Grower Declaration (v6.0).

Growers seeking SustainaWOOL certification are required to have read and understood the implication of the Auditor Checklist prior to completion of the SustainaWOOL Grower Declaration, and are provided with a copy prior to any farm inspection. SustainaWOOL Audit Checklists are always accessible at <http://sustainawool.com.au/>.

Farm audit principles applied

1. **SustainaWOOL farm audits are conducted in such a way as to maximise detection of non-compliance, and maximise cost-efficiency for scheme participants.**

The conduct of physical inspections to verify compliance is critical to any integrity scheme, and is also a major source of cost to scheme participants. For this reason, many schemes operate on the basis of a **proportional sampling approach**, whereby a subset of participants are audited within a given timeframe (e.g. each year) - this allows for a robust performance verification to occur, while reducing the often substantial compliance costs which could otherwise be a barrier to participation.

Like other schemes, **SustainaWOOL offers growers 2 levels of audit intensity:**

1. **Individual Certification** - where each farm is audited each year (100% chance of audit each year). This level of integrity is a requirement for SustainaWOOL **GOLD** members.
2. **Group Certification** - where farm audits are randomly allocated to a proportion of farms each year (20% chance of audit each year on average). This average level of audit intensity is a requirement for SustainaWOOL **BLUE** or **GREEN** members.

However, while on average 20% of farms are audited each year for SustainaWOOL Group Certification members, we recognise that it is critical to ensure that non-compliance issues are identified as soon as possible when a member joins the scheme. For this reason, we apply a stratification based on the length of membership tenure, so that new members have a 55% chance of inspection in Year 1, and 25% in Year 2 - so that there is an 80% chance of a farm audit being conducted within the first 2 years of a membership, while retaining a 20% chance on average over 5 years. After 5 years of membership, the stratification is removed so that the audit intensity becomes 20% each year thereafter.

This SustainaWOOL approach achieves an excellent balance of audit intensity and statistical efficiency, and is directly comparable to that being applied in other major certification standards. For example:

- The Responsible Wool Standard Group Certification approach accepts farm audit allocation at the rate of the square root of the number of group members, plus one. So, for typical farm group sizes (25 - 100 members), audit intensity would range from 11 to 24% per year.
- The ZQ standard conducts independent farm inspections of a 3-year rotation, so approximately 33% per year.

2. **SustainaWOOL farm audits are conducted to internationally recognised integrity standards.**

AWEX has achieved certification under ISO9001:2015 for provision of independent quality assurance services to the Australian and international wool supply chain through the SustainaWOOL Integrity Scheme and the National Wool Declaration Integrity Program. These audits are conducted synergistically, for maximum cost-efficiency.

3. **SustainaWOOL farm audits are only conducted by qualified and experienced industry specialists.**

SustainaWOOL auditors are not 'green behind the ears' - each has deep experience in sheep agriculture and in conduct of farm audits.

The SustainaWOOL farm audit process

1. Individual SustainaWOOL members are identified for inspection using a stratified random allocation methodology, certification level (Individual or Group) and their prior inspection history.
2. AWEX farm inspectors group allocated inspections into regional 'runs', and contact farmers to arrange inspections. While the specific timing of the inspections can be negotiated, inspections cannot be refused by growers wishing to maintain their certification.
3. Once an inspection date and time is agreed, AWEX issues the grower a formal notice of inspection, and provides the grower and inspection a copy of the existing Grower Declaration, and copy of the applicable Audit Checklist.
4. The audit is conducted, and usually takes 2 - 3 hours to complete. The inspection will typically involve inspection of premises such as shearing sheds, chemical stores and yards, inspection of records, and inspection of groups of sheep and sections of the farm - so as to ensure compliance with the SustainaWOOL Grower Declaration.
5. At the conclusion of the inspection, the auditor will complete the audit report and discuss with the grower audit findings and outcomes. The grower is thereafter issued with a formal Audit Compliance Report by AWEX.

Audit outcomes

The following table outlines the possible audit outcomes, and the consequences for SustainaWOOL growers.

COMPLIANCE LEVEL	DESCRIPTION	CONSEQUENCE
COMPLIANT	All items comply	Certification maintained.
CONDITIONAL COMPLIANCE	Minor issues have been identified which can be readily resolved within a defined timeframe (up to 6 months). Examples include completion of a Chemical Users Course, installation of a lockable chemical store, and updating of animal treatment and chemical inventory records.	Certification maintained on a conditional basis, for a defined time period. If compliance issues are not addressed to the auditors satisfaction, then the Certification will be deactivated, and non-Compliance Level 1 or 2 investigations are initiated.
NON-COMPLIANT LEVEL 1	Significant issues have been identified which can be resolved and which do not reflect lack of integrity. Issues must be addressed within a 6-month timeframe from the date of inspection, and evidenced by re-audit. The grower is not permitted to trade farm products as SustainaWOOL certified.	Certification deactivated until the non-compliance issues identified are addressed to auditor satisfaction within a 6-month time frame. If the issues are not addressed, the grower is assigned Non-Compliance Level 2, de-registered and certification permanently removed.
NON-COMPLIANT LEVEL 2	Significant issues are identified of a critical nature, relating directly to grower integrity. Examples include refusal to accept an inspection, or deliberate dishonesty or deceptive conduct in completion of the Declaration.	Certification permanently removed. The grower is issued a notification of non-compliance, and immediate deregistration. Further action may be warranted (including legal).

Audit Checklist – specific items

Grower Eligibility

GROWER DECLARATION QUESTION	AUDIT REQUIREMENT (Desktop only)	AUDIT REQUIREMENT (on-farm)
Has the owner or manager of the property ever been successfully prosecuted under the Animal Welfare Act applicable to your State or Territory? If YES , give details.	State prosecution records can be checked via the relevant authorities.	
Has the owner or manager of the property ever been successfully prosecuted under the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act applicable to your State or Territory? If YES , give details.	State prosecution records can be checked via the relevant authorities.	
Has the owner or manager of the property been successfully prosecuted under the Workplace Health and Safety/Occupational Health and Safety Act applicable to your State or Territory? If YES , give details.	State prosecution records can be checked via the relevant authorities.	
Has the owner or manager of the property been successfully prosecuted under any National or State employment legislation Acts? If YES , give details.	State prosecution records can be checked via the relevant authorities.	

Section 1: Animal Health and Welfare

GROWER DECLARATION QUESTION	AUDIT REQUIREMENT (Desktop only)	AUDIT REQUIREMENT (on-farm)
<p>1.1 Sheep are regularly monitored for injury, health, predators and general well-being.</p> <p>1.2 Corrective action is taken when sheep require treatment for, or relief from, pain and suffering.</p>		Auditor to discuss procedures/examples with declarant & may ask for documentation or verbal description.
<p>1.3 On farm slaughter of sheep (for either domestic use or animal euthanasia) is carried out humanely, minimizing prolonged pain and/or distress to the animal.</p>		Auditor to discuss procedures/examples with declarant & may ask for documentation or verbal description of protocols & training offered.
<p>1.4 Mortality records are kept for all sheep classes.</p>		Sight evidence of records and discuss mortality levels for lambs and lambing ewes.
<p>1.5 Only Registered Animal Health products are used, within the use-by dates specified.</p> <p>1.6 Records are kept of all Animal Health treatments (and are available on request).</p> <p>1.7 Correct doses of treatments have been administered as per written procedures and/or as directed by product manufacturer.</p>	<p>Provide copy of relevant documents.</p> <p>Copies of the SustainaWOOL Chemical Inventory template can be supplied.</p>	<p>Check products used are registered with APVMA. Sight documents or records (e.g. chalk board/ whiteboard /notebook).</p> <p>Check records are current/up to date.</p>

<p>1.8 Adequate food and water is available for all sheep on the property to maintain good health.</p> <p>1.9 Sheep are provided with adequate shelter such as trees and/or structures to mitigate mortality rates during extreme weather events.</p> <p>1.10 All reasonable steps have been taken to minimise the effects of fire or flood on the property and its livestock.</p> <p>1.11 Body Condition Score (BCS) is monitored and actively managed to meet BCS targets recommended for each sheep class, particularly breeding ewes.</p> <p>1.14 Sheep dogs are trained, and are muzzled where necessary.</p> <p>1.15 All sheep on the property are free to display all natural behaviours.</p>		<p>Auditor to discuss & enquire about relevant procedures and examples with declarant.</p> <p>Auditor to sight and record examples of shelter within or adjoining paddocks.</p> <p>Auditor to enquire about training for body condition score assessment and management (e.g. completion of Lifetime Ewe Management course or equivalent), and evidence of application (e.g. trigger points for remedial actions).</p>
<p>1.12 Artificial breeding procedures are carried out by competent operators</p>		<p>Auditor to enquire about use of artificial breeding procedures, and operator competence where applied.</p>
<p>1.13 Dehorning, disbudding and substantial horn trimming are only conducted for animal welfare purposes and carried out by competent operators</p>		<p>Auditor to enquire about the horned or polled status of the property, and any trimming or disbudding procedures if applied.</p>
<p>1.16 Does all your wool clip come from sheep bred on the property (excluding rams bred elsewhere)? If NO, please provide details of sheep not bred on the property.</p>		<p>Auditor to discuss identification and mulesing status of purchased sheep.</p>
<p>1.17 Are the breeches of sheep modified to reduce the risk of flystrike, using mulesing or an alternative procedure?</p> <p>1.18 If YES, identify the specific breech modification method used.</p>	<p>Provide copy of completed NWD.</p>	<p>Where Sheep Freeze Branding or alternative method (e.g. clips) as been declared, auditor to sight evidence of practice (e.g. invoices, or clips). Random inspection of various ages of sheep (AWEX protocols) including the youngest sheep on the property to evidence method of cessation of mulesing.</p>
<p>1.19 Effective Pain Relief <u>must be</u> provided for breech modification operations, and proof of application of Pain Relief product must be available.</p>	<p>Provide copy of proof of purchase of registered Pain Relief product (e.g. tax invoice).</p>	<p>Proof of purchase of registered Pain Relief product.</p>
<p>1.20 If the breeches of sheep are NOT modified (1.17 above), when did the practice cease?</p>	<p>Provide copy of completed NWD.</p>	<p>Random inspection of various ages of sheep (AWEX protocols) including the youngest sheep on the property to prove cessation of mulesing practice.</p>

<p>1.21 Where the tails of sheep are docked, identify the specific method used (tick the appropriate box). Practitioners must be adequately trained and proficient.</p> <p>1.22 Where castration is undertaken, identify the specific method used (tick the appropriate box). Practitioners must be adequately trained and proficient.</p>		<p>Auditor to identify area where procedures occur. Sight rubber rings &/or hot knife, or where contractors used, evidence of invoice. Discuss procedures with declarant.</p>
<p>1.23 Effective Pain Relief <u>should be</u> provided for Tail Docking and Castration procedures for SustainaWOOL GREEN and BLUE members, and is mandatory for SustainaWOOL GOLD. Where used, proof of application of Pain Relief product must be available.</p>	<p>Provide copy of proof of purchase of registered Pain Relief product (e.g. tax invoice).</p>	<p>Proof of purchase of registered Pain Relief product.</p>

Section 2: Traceability

GROWER DECLARATION QUESTION	AUDIT REQUIREMENT (Desktop only)	AUDIT REQUIREMENT (on-farm)
<p>2.1 All sheep on the property are identified with a secure form of identification.</p> <p>2.2 Mobs are routinely monitored and their location on the property known at all times.</p>		<p>Select random mob(s) & sheep for inspection. Must have visible ear tags. Identification method is to be relevant to husbandry practices of the farm.</p>
<p>2.3 The property participates in the MLA National Livestock Identification System (NLIS).</p> <p>2.4 The property uses the MLA Livestock Production Assurance National Vendor Declaration System (LPA NVD).</p>	<p>Provide a copy of evidence of NLIS, PIC & LPA NVD. Confirm LPA PIC registration at https://lpa.nlis.com.au/</p>	<p>Check paperwork & tags. Sight evidence of NLIS, PIC & LPA NVD.</p>
<p>2.5 Property is compliant with all Animal Health treatment withholding periods.</p>		<p>Sight chemicals & discuss how withholding periods are monitored with declarant.</p>
<p>2.6 All fodder and supplements brought onto the farm are documented.</p>		<p>Sight cart notes, logbook &/or proof of purchase docs.</p>
<p>2.7 The AWEX National Wool Declaration (NWD) is completed for all mobs/wool from the property offered for sale.</p>		<p>Sight NWD (most recent).</p>
<p>2.8 A Wool Book (or similar) is kept as a record of all bales for every shearing.</p>		<p>Sight Wool Book records from most recent shearing. Can be wool book, spreadsheet etc. Sight Classer's Specification sheet to ensure documents match.</p>

<p>2.9 Bales are branded/marked so as to allow ready identification of correct ownership and content integrity.</p>	<p>Provide copy of Classer's Specification form</p>	<p>Sight bales on farm (if any) for presence of (current) wool classer's stencil. Sight Classer's Specification for presence of stencil. Ask about classers being present at crutching.</p>
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Section 3: Environmental care, and chemical handling and storage

GROWER DECLARATION QUESTION	AUDIT REQUIREMENT (Desktop only)	AUDIT REQUIREMENT (on-farm)
<p>3.1 Total grazing pressure is managed on the property to support sustainable land use (e.g. control of vermin, pest and weed management, drought down-stocking etc.).</p> <p>3.2 Ground cover is routinely monitored, and remedial actions undertaken to avoid overgrazing and soil erosion.</p> <p>3.3 Soil tests are taken on property to monitor soil fertility and/or potential contamination, where appropriate.</p> <p>3.7 Reasonable care has been taken to avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects on the environment, and biodiversity.</p>		<p>Auditor to enquire about grazing management and trigger points for grazing decisions, drought management strategy, soil testing, and clearing.</p> <p>Where soil tests are conducted, these should be sighted.</p> <p>Where grazing records exist, including in software programs, these could be demonstrated and recorded.</p>
<p>3.8 All stock are excluded from any rubbish facilities or disused dips on the property (if these do not exist on the property, also answer YES). If NO or WT provide details.</p> <p>3.12 Hazardous substances are disposed of as required by law (e.g. Drum Muster recycling program).</p>	<p>Contaminated Lands Register website can be searched for each State & Territory.</p>	<p>Confirm that no obvious threats to the environment & stock exist (e.g. old leaking arsenic dip, rubbish tips, disused drums of chemical). Auditor to discuss & enquire about relevant procedures to dispose of hazardous substances. Ask for supporting evidence if necessary.</p>
<p>3.9 A Farm Chemical Users course has been completed by at least one person on this farm within the past five years and course completion records are available.</p>	<p>Provide copy of documents supporting attendance of course (e.g. certificate of attendance/ invoice).</p>	<p>Sight documents supporting attendance of course (e.g. certificate of attendance/invoice).</p>
<p>3.10 An inventory of chemicals is kept and is available. If not, a SustainaWOOL template is available upon request.</p> <p>3.11 All chemicals used for pasture and livestock treatments are safely stored in a lockable storage area.</p>	<p>Sight chemical inventory records.</p>	<p>Sight chemical inventory records.</p> <p>Sight chemical store & check if locked &/or lockable.</p> <p>Option to "spot check" the records against physical.</p>

Section 4: Social Responsibility

GROWER DECLARATION QUESTION	AUDIT REQUIREMENT (Desktop only)	AUDIT REQUIREMENT (on-farm)
4.1 Owner and/or manager is fully compliant with all National and State WH&S/OH&S legislation and guidelines for all staff and family members.		Auditor to ask for relevant records or examples.
4.2 All staff have received adequate instruction and training for the responsible use of agricultural machinery and animal handling equipment.		Auditor to question methods of staff training (e.g. documents, certifications & protocols).
4.3 Owner and/or manager is fully compliant with all National and State Employment legislation (award wages and conditions) in relation to all staff.		Auditor can ask for employment records showing award wages etc.

Section 4: Wool preparation and shearing

GROWER DECLARATION QUESTION	AUDIT REQUIREMENT (Desktop only)	AUDIT REQUIREMENT (on-farm)
5.1 The clip is prepared according to the AWEX Code of Practice for the preparation of the Australian Wool clip.	AWTA "P" Certification achieved for all lines from the most recent wool clip offered for sale.	
5.2 A shearing Tally Book (or similar) is used to document relevant information from every shearing.	Provide copy of Tally Book or equivalent (e.g. spreadsheet) from the most recent shearing.	Sight Tally Book or equivalent (e.g. spread-sheet) from the most recent shearing.
5.3 Sheep are crutched and/or dagged before shearing to minimise dag and urine stain in the clip. The crutching history for each mob is recorded in the NWD.	Provide copy of Classer's Specification/NWD as evidence of crutching. Key issue is stain risk is low at point of shearing.	Sight Classer's Specification/NWD as evidence of crutching. Key issue is stain risk is low at point of shearing. Auditor to discuss/enquire with declarant.
5.4 A high level of care is taken to keep all contaminants out of the wool clip at shearing time.		Inspect shed for obvious forms of potential wool contamination.
5.5 A registered professional wool classer/owner classer prepares and oversees the wool clip and their stencil is applied to all bales. If NO , give details.	Provide copy of Classer's Specification(s) & confirm presence of Wool Classer from documents.	Sight specification(s) & confirm presence of Wool Classer from documents
5.6 All wool is packaged in nylon wool packs in good condition that have been authorised for use by AWEX (i.e. must carry an AWEX bale label on the pack flap).		Inspect any packs/bales in shed.

<p>5.7 All animal markers and raddles are used in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions and brands are removed from main fleece lines.</p>		<p>Inspect markers & raddles & discuss use & removal procedures.</p>
<p>5.8 Shed-hands are briefed before shearing begins by classer/owner/manager on the level of preparation.</p> <p>5.9 Shearers have been made well aware, by the contractor, classer, or owner/manager, of their responsibilities under the Animal Welfare Act applicable to the particular State or Territory.</p> <p>5.10 Shearers are competent to treat animals for severe cuts.</p>		<p>Auditor to enquire about procedures used by declarant. The shed-hand and shearer briefings may be verbal, or reflect permanent signage placed in clear sight of shearers & shed hands, explaining responsibilities).</p>
<p>5.11 Shearers have their own counting-out pen to allow accountability for shearing process quality.</p> <p>5.12 Shearing shed and yard facilities are fully maintained to minimise the possibility of accidents and/or injury to operators and stock.</p> <p>5.13 Shearing shed environment is safe, healthy, has adequate amenities, lighting and ventilation, and shearing machinery is well maintained.</p>		<p>Auditor to make a visual inspection & discuss/ enquire about procedures to maintain a safe & healthy shed & yards environment.</p> <p>Auditor to sight counting-out pens or discuss method of accountability with declarant.</p>
<p>5.14 The period of time stock are shedded (without feed and water) prior to shearing is appropriate for the class of stock (e.g. pregnant ewes).</p>		<p>Auditor to discuss & enquire about procedures used by declarant to minimise shedding of delicate stock i.e. pregnant ewes.</p>
<p>5.15 Are there any Shedding Breeds of sheep run on the property? If YES please give details.</p> <p>5.16 If YES, have your shedding sheep come into contact with other sheep on the property at any time?</p>		<p>Discuss/enquire about procedures to keep these animals separated from other sheep. (e.g. adequate fencing, separate stock yards etc.). Sight DMFR section of NWD</p>

Section 5: Handling and transport

GROWER DECLARATION QUESTION	AUDIT REQUIREMENT (Desktop only)	AUDIT REQUIREMENT (on-farm)
<p>6.1 Staff have received adequate instruction and training for the responsible and humane handling of stock.</p>		<p>Auditor to question methods of staff training (documents, certifications and protocols).</p>
<p>6.2 Transport services are provided by organisations or individuals that demonstrate vehicle safety and compliance, and the humane loading, unloading and transport of stock.</p>		<p>Auditor to check if NVDs are always used, and discuss procedures used to choose transport services and ensure professional operators.</p>
<p>6.3 All efforts have been made to minimize stress and/or chance of injury to the animal during handling and transport.</p>		<p>Auditor to discuss procedures & ask for examples.</p>

A. RELEVANT GOVERNMENT ACTS and CODES OF PRACTICE

1. Animal Welfare Acts

States and Territories

- NSW** *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 No 200, Animal Research Act 1985 No 123*
- VIC** *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*
- QLD** *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001*
- SA** *Animal Welfare Act 1985; Occupational Health and Safety (SA / TAS) Welfare Regulations 2012*
- ACT** *Animal Welfare Act 1992*
- WA** *Animal Welfare Act 2002*
- NT** *Animal Welfare Act (currently under review)*
- TAS** *Animal Welfare Act 1993 (No. 63 of 1993)*

Farmers are expected to comply with the Codes of Practice and Standards and Guidelines. See also:

- AHA Australian Animal Welfare Standards & Guidelines Edition One, Version 1, 2016
- International Specifications for Wool Sheep Welfare 2016

2. Environmental Care Acts

National

The Commonwealth's *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* for matters of 'national environmental significance'. Information for Farmers on this Act can be found at <http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/>

States & Territories

- ACT** *Environment Protection Act 1997, the Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991; Nature Conservation Act 1980.*
- NSW** *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act)*
- NT** *The Environment Assessment Act 1994 and the Territory Parks; Wildlife Conservation Act 1996.*
- QLD** *Environmental Protection Act 1994 and the Nature Conservation Act 1992.*
- SA** *Natural Resources Management Act 2004; Environment Protection Act 1993; Water Resources Act 1997.*
- TAS** *Environmental Management & Pollution Control Act 1994; Pollution of Waters by Oil & Noxious Substances Act 1987.*
- VIC** *Environmental Protection Act 1978; Planning and Environment Act 1987.*
- WA** *Environmental Protection Act 1986; Soil and Land Conservation Act 1945.*

3a. Farm Chemical Users Course

There is a mandatory requirement for buyers and users of Agricultural Chemical to undergo a registered Chemicals Users Course in the majority of States. This requirement exists under State Government Acts such as the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000* (the OHS Act) and the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation* (OHS Regulation) in NSW and the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004* and the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007* in Victoria. Please see legislation applicable to your State or Territory.

3b. Chemical Use/Handling/ Labelling Legislation

National

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicine Authority (APVMA) – administration of the following acts:

- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992 (Admin Act)
- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Act 1994 (Agvet Act)
- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code, which is a schedule to the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994 (Code Act) see also APVMA info for Farmers: <http://apvma.gov.au/node/1163>

4. Social Responsibility & WHS

- Work Health & Safety Act 2011 (ACT/NSW/NT/QLD)
- Work Health & Safety Act 2012 (SA/TAS)
- Occupational Health & Safety Act 2004 (VIC)
- Occupational Safety & Health Act 1984 (WA)

Employment

- The Fair Work Act 2009
- The Fair Work Regulations 2009

5. Wool Preparation

- AWEX Code of Practice (Latest Version)

6. Handling & Transport

- AHA Australian Animal Welfare Standards & Guidelines; Land Transport of Livestock. Edition One, Version 1.1 2015

B. ABBREVIATIONS, DEFINITIONS & NOTES

- * **Authorised Auditor** = Auditor(s) chosen by AWEX Ltd for the SustainaWOOL Integrity Scheme.

- * **AWEX** = The Australian Wool Exchange Ltd.
- * **Body Condition Score** = The practice of hand assessment of the cover of fat and muscle tissue along the backbone and ends of the short ribs. It is scored on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being emaciated and 5 obese. Sheep in the flock should range from 2 - 4, and breeding ewe BCS should be BCS of 3 or above for joining, mid-pregnancy, and at lambing.
- * **Mulesing** = The removal of skin from the breech and/or tail of a sheep using mulesing shears.
- * **Alternative Procedures** = An alternative procedure for modifying the breech of sheep for the purposes of reducing blow fly strike risk or stain and contamination, comprising Sheep Freeze Branding (cryosurgery), or application of constrictive mechanical clips.
- * **Corrective actions** may include (but are not limited to):
 - treatment for internal parasites (e.g. worms) and external parasites (e.g. lice)
 - treatment for infections (e.g. footrot), and for flystrike
 - treatment of injuries, including removal of grass-seeds from the eyes of animals
 - humane slaughter of suffering animals
- * **Meat and Livestock Australia LPA NVD/NLIS** for more information visit www.mla.com.au
- * **Shedding Breeds** = Breeds that shed fibre (e.g. Afrikaner, Australian White, Awassi, Damara, Dorper, Karakul, Meatmaster, Persian, Van Rooy, Wiltipoll, Wiltshire Horn).
- * **Contact with Shedding Breeds** = Mated to, or run in the same paddock, as shedding sheep/lambs or their crosses.
- * **Registered Animal Health Products** = Product must be registered in Australia by the Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) Registration means that the product can be supplied or sold, and used safely according to the label directions.
- * **Pain relief product** = Anaesthetic or Analgesic registered for use by APVMA for the relief of pain in sheep.
- * **Topical Spray Pain Relief** - Trisolfen® is the registered topical spray anaesthetic and antiseptic solution for lamb marking.
- * **Buccalgesic® or Metacam 20®** - registered analgesic products, containing Meloxicam as the active ingredient. While having beneficial impact for 24-48 hours, both need to be delivered 20-30 minutes pre-operatively for pharmacological effect at the time of the lamb marking procedure.
- * **WH&S** = Work, Health & Safety.