



Appendix 3.

## **Listing Better Choices wool in the National Wool Declaration**

### Background.

In June 2008 a new National Wool Declaration (NWD) was introduced. This document outlines a vendor's Mulesing status and as such impacts on the process of listing Better Choices wool for sale.

### Availability of Pain Relief.

Bayer's Tri-Solfen product was first distributed in January 2007, at which time the Better Choices programme came into existence.

### Implications for the NWD.

The NWD requires all wool to be identified as coming from mulesed or unmulesed mobs. It also indicates whether these mobs were treated with pain relief at the time they were mulesed.

When a property treats all mulesed lambs with pain relief, they are considered a 'Better Choices' property. They receive a certificate and are registered with the programme for that year. **The certificate and registration number identifies the year in which the property commenced using pain relief.** Any producer with a current Better Choices registration is entitled to stencil all their bales and list all their wool under Better Choices, as a clear signal that **they have adopted pain relief.**

The new NWD will see some registered Better Choices producers list wool from lambs that were mulesed prior to their adoption of pain relief. In this way, the new NWD will reinforce the Better Choices audit system and **clearly identify when the producer started using pain relief.** This will make it easy for wool buyers to support the most progressive wool producers.

Please see following page for visual example



**Example 1.**

This Declaration is for wool pertaining to shearing completed on: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

TICK BOX (✓) if the Owner/Manager has ceased<sup>1</sup> the practice of, or does not perform, mulesing<sup>2</sup> on this Property:

Mob No. (Refer Spec)	Mob Breaks (Balo Numbers)		Age Code	Breed Code	Sex Code	Contact <sup>3</sup> with Shedding Breeds <sup>4</sup> (Y/N)	Mob Crutched (Y/N)	Crutched within 3 months prior to Shearing (Y/N)	Mob Mulesed <sup>5</sup> (Y/N)	Tick (✓) if Pain Relief <sup>6</sup> Used	Record Kept of Chemical Use <sup>7</sup> (Y/N)	Office Use Only
	FROM	TO										
1	1	3	1	M	M	N	Y	Y	Y	✓	Y	
2	4	6	2	M	M	N	Y	Y	Y	✓	Y	
3	7	9	3	M	M	N	Y	Y	Y		Y	
4	10	12	4	M	M	N	Y	Y	Y		Y	
5	13	14	5	M	M	N	Y	Y	Y		Y	

- Producer has been consistently using pain relief since Jan 2007, and is registered with Better Choices.
- Pain relief is not indicated for mobs in age groups 3 or higher because at the time they were mulesed pain relief was not being used.
- Producer is demonstrating a consistent change in mulesing practice and is entitled to brand entire clip Better Choices wool.