



Quick Test – Self Assessment Check List

This document provides a summary of the critical elements (NC 1) described more fully in the Standard. It is designed to provide farmers with the opportunity to conduct a quick self-assessment of their ability to pass the standard. If you can comply with these conditions you should readily achieve certification.

Management

AW1.1	NC1	Farmers are required to give full access to farm records and facilities	
AW1.2	NC1	Farmers are required to operate within state and federal laws	

Nutrition

AW2.1	NC1	Body condition of sheep. The goal should be BCS 3. BCS2 should be regarded as a minimum.	
AW2.2	NC1	The period sheep are deprived of feed and water for shearing, transport or slaughter shall be a minimum of eight but not exceeding 24 hours.	

Health

AW4.1	NC1	Do you have a record of all drenches, vaccines etc used or planned to be used?	
AW4.2	NC1	Routine inspections should be conducted to monitor signs of disease or production disorders.	
AW4.3	NC1	Sheep found to be suffering from serious health problems shall be treated or euthanized promptly.	

Animal Husbandry

AW4.4	NC1	Animal husbandry procedures must be supervised or carried out by a competent stockperson using well maintained equipment	
AW4.5	NC1	Tail docking must be carried out between the age of seven days and 10 weeks. By an approved method and to the approved length	
AW4.6	NC1	Castration: Procedure must be carried out between the age of seven days and 10 weeks. Approved method: Application of a rubber ring	
AW4.7	NC1	Dehorning and disbudding is prohibited.	
AW4.8	NC1	Mulesing is not permitted. Parallel production is not allowed. Tail stripping not allowed. Buying mulesed sheep in and claiming CM status for the farm is not permitted. The farm will not comply if any lamb born on the farm in the previous 12 months has been mulesed.	

Shearing

AW4.9	NC1	Sheep should be in the shearing shed for a minimum of 8 hours prior to shearing, or a period mutually agreed with the contractor preferably not exceeding 24 hours. Low stress handling; No dogs that bite. No electric prodders. Particular must be taken to avoid cuts or injuries to the animal Shearing 'Standard Operating Procedures' to be displayed and agreed to.	
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Euthanasia

AW4.10	NC1	Sheep shall be euthanized without delay if they are experiencing severe pain or illness and do not have a reasonable expectation of improvement. <i>See details in Standards</i>	
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On-Farm Slaughter

AW4.11	NC1	When an animal is slaughtered on-farm it shall be carried out by a method which is quick and causes minimal stress and pain and results in rapid loss of consciousness followed by death without regaining consciousness. <i>See details in the Standard</i>	
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Breeding

AW4.12	NC1	Electro ejaculation is prohibited Laparoscopic artificial insemination to be performed by veterinarians or trained and competent people under supervision of a veterinarian. Appropriate pain relief shall be used.	
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Behaviour and Handling

AW5.1	NC1	Any form of mistreatment or rough handling is unacceptable Electric prodders are not allowed. <i>See further details in the Standard</i>	
AW5.2	NC1	Long term confinement in crates or by tethering are permitted only for minimum time for the provision of medical care.	
AW5.3	NC1	Sheep to be driven in calm manner at a relaxed pace that is natural to the animal, and not faster than the pace of the slowest animal.	
AW5.4	NC1	Transport of sheep must be in accordance with state laws and guidelines.	

Soil

LM1.1	MAJ	Soil shall not be degraded by overgrazing and/or other management strategies.	
LM1.2	MAJ	Soil compaction shall be monitored and managed.	
LM1.3	MAJ	Soil erosion shall be monitored and managed.	
LM1.4	MAJ	Hazardous materials shall not be disposed of on farmland unless it is specifically allowed by law and will not affect land for grazing	

Biodiversity

LM2.1	MAJ	Sensitive and high conservation value areas and wildlife species on the property shall be monitored and managed.	
LM2.3	MAJ	Lethal control of feral animals: Minimised and done humanely Targeted at the specific animal (species) that is/are in conflict <i>See details in standards</i>	
LM2.3	MAJ	Deforestation for conversion to agricultural land is prohibited	
LM2.4	MAJ	Hunting, fishing, or gathering of rare, threatened or endangered plant or animal species is prohibited unless under a formal regeneration program.	

Fertilizer

LM3.1	MAJ	There shall be a fertilizer management strategy that is reviewed annually.	
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Pesticides

LM4.1	MAJ	Pest Management plan or strategy that is reviewed annually. The plan or strategy shall be based on the principals of prevention, observation, monitoring and intervention. <i>See details in Standards</i>	
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