IN THIS SHEARING OPERATION, SAFETY AND SHEEP WELFARE ARE A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY. GOOD COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CONTRACTORS, SHEARING TEAMS AND GROWERS IS ESSENTIAL. NEGOTIATE ANY VARIATIONS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED.

**SHEEP**

- Cruelty to sheep will not be tolerated
- Rams to be sedated except in special circumstances that are negotiated between contractor or shearer and grower
- Dogs that bite must be muzzled
- Sheep are to be handled humanely
- Sheep should be yared overnight and drained (off food and water) for a minimum of 8 hours, any other time frames should be jointly discussed and mutually agreed between the contractor, shearers and grower
- If a sheep injury occurs, the injury will be reported and attended to immediately and humanely
- Sheep should be free of flystrike and dags

**SHED/YARD**

- All workers will wear correct, enclosed footwear
- Smoking in outdoor designated areas only
- Pen arrangements will have no forward drags
- Clean toilets, washing facility and drinking water to be made available
- Chemicals and application equipment will be stored safely outside the shearing shed
- Music to be no louder than a conversation
- Anyone found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while at work, or while driving to or from work will not be allowed to continue working
- Shearing Plant will be serviced and maintained with minimal noise and vibration and where practicable will be anti-locking
- The shed will have appropriate ventilation suited to the prevailing weather
- All injuries are to be reported to the employer immediately
- A First Aid kit will be maintained on site
- Pre and post shearing safety inspections will be conducted by the person in charge of shearing operations with the shed owner or their representative
- The shed (and living quarters where provided) will be cleaned prior to start (wool grower), and at the end of shearing operations (shearers or shearing contractor).
- Where water is available, wet down yards to minimise dust and potential spread of disease

Thank you!

Remember

**Quality before quantity**

Please refer to your State Workplace Health Safety Act and Regulations for further detail. Each state has its own Sheep Welfare legislation – these are available online for further information.

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