



FACT SHEET

ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE

Overview

AWTA has been at the forefront of the development and adoption of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) systems within the wool industry since the early 1980's through membership of the Wool Industry Electronic Data Processing Users Group (WIEDPUG). This industry body is responsible for implementing data communication standards within the wool industry, with which all AWTA EDI services comply. This covers both the sending and receiving of test data, sale lot information and our EDI mailbox service, as well as many other transactions that occur in the trade of wool.

The electronic distribution of data is an integral part of AWTA's services. Through our EDI facilities, we provide electronic data for virtually every test we undertake. Customers can also improve service turnaround and reduce testing costs by transmitting sale lot and bale weight data to AWTA as part of our standard core testing service.

Similarly, Exporters can streamline their shipping documentation processes by sending requests for Combined Certificates and Objectively Matched Lots through our EDI facilities. Completed certificates can then be emailed back in PDF format.



To support these processes, an electronic mailbox service is available for subscribers to deposit and retrieve data. We also offer a web-based subscription service through which to monitor the status of transmission sessions and control data transfers. Customers can thereby choose AWTA as their preferred network provider for all industry data transmissions.

Service Summary

TRANSMISSION OF DATA

Customers can send or retrieve data from AWTA in a number of different formats. This can be done for a single customer or several parent/subsidiary companies depending on the requirements.

Send to AWTA

- Test requests and bale weight data as part of the standard Yield and Micron service
- Requests to produce IWTO Combined Test certificates and Objectively Matched Lots
- Updates to Dark & Medullated Fibre Risk ratings and Mulesing Status declarations
- Requests to print test certificates post-sale and update buyer information

Retrieve from AWTA

- Completed test information for all Certificates and Reports (including bale details if required)
- Amended data for reissued certificates, check tests and re-cored lots
- Electronic statements of accounts

NOTE: AWTA does not charge data transmission fees for our standard testing services. However additional data entry fees may apply when manual processing is required. These are charged in addition to the standard testing fee and invoiced separately. More details are available in our Raw Wool Fees list.

To connect to AWTA's EDI network, customers will require the following:

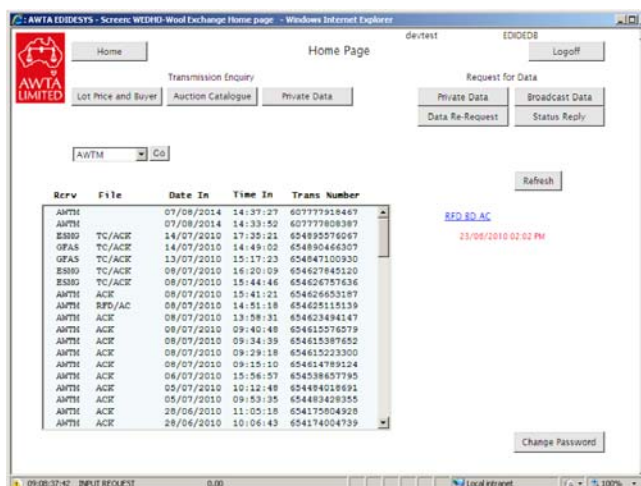
- Secure FTP client software (eg. MoveIT freely)
- System passwords and scripts from AWTA
- A valid industry EDP User Code (allocated by AWEX)

AWTA uses the Secure FTP (FTPS) protocol to ensure the transmitted data is encrypted. A more detailed explanation of how to connect to our EDI services is contained within the WIEDPUG Handbook or contact the Data Processing department at your nearest AWTA Laboratory to arrange access to this service.

EDI MAILBOX SERVICE

AWTA provides an EDI Mailbox service to the wool industry. Subscribers can use this facility to deposit and retrieve all of the standard data types used by the industry today. The mailbox acts as a data store where files can be deposited or retrieved as required. Data can even be re-requested between nominated periods of time.

AWTA also has an online subscription service where users can check transmission status information and manage data transfers. Customers can choose from three different subscription levels, depending on the volume of data they access.



AWTA Online EDI Mailbox

Related Information:

AWTA regularly publishes information about our EDI services to subscribers and the wool industry in general. Listed below are links to related documents that are available on this website.

Documents available for download:

[AWTA EDI Mailbox Service - FAQ.pdf](#)

[AWTA EDI Service - Update Notice - May 2010.pdf](#)

[AWTA EDI Service - Update Notice - July 2010.pdf](#)

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