



FACT SHEET

TEST CERTIFICATE UPDATE (TCU) SERVICE

What is the TCU service?

The Test Certificate Update (TCU) service was introduced on 25th July 2022. It provides a facility for Brokers/Agents to electronically reissue AWTA Test Certificates through the AWTM EDI Network.

Your software provider will need to develop a process through which you can generate a TCU request and send it to AWTA via the AWTM network.

How Does It Work?

The service allows for the reissue of basic information on AWTA Test Certificates. Requestors provide a file that lists the certificate numbers to be reissued plus the old and new values of the data to be changed. AWTA will process this file and validate the requested changes, then reissue new certificates. The new certificates will then be made available for pickup from the requestor's mailbox. Any errors or rejections will be communicated back to the requestor.

The format as defined in the Wool Industry Data Communication Handbook (WIDCH) is shown below:

60 TEST CERTIFICATE UPDATE DETAIL.

1	Record Type	1	2	ID	F	M
2	Certificate Identity	3	11	GR	-	M
3	Reissue Type	14	2	ID	R	M
4	Client	16	5	GR	-	M
5	Bales	21	4	N	R	M
6	Description	25	15	AN	L	M
7	Wool Base	40	4	D2	R	M
8	Wool Preparation Category - From	44	1	ID	F	C
9	Wool Preparation Category - To	45	1	ID	F	C
10	Mulesing Status - From	46	2	ID	L	C
11	Mulesing Status - To	48	2	ID	L	C
12	Sale Identity - From	50	4	GR	-	C
13	Sale Identity - To	54	4	GR	-	C
14	Lot Identity - From	58	6	AN	R	C
15	Lot Identity - To	64	6	AN	R	C
16	Spaces	70	11	AN	F	M

Note that Record Type, Certificate Identity, Reissue Type, Client (EDPcode), Bales, Description & Wool Base are all mandatory (M) fields where data must be supplied.

The "REISSUE TYPE" must be identified according to the options available below:

	Data Type	Size	Field Type	Just	Code	Description
ADDITIONS:						
Reissue Type	Field	2	ID	R		Instruction to the test house on the type of change requested for the new Certificate Reissue.
					01	Wool Preparation Category (WPC) Change
					02	Mulesing Status (MS) Change
					03	Sale/Lot Change
					04	WPC and MS Change
					05	WPC and Sale/Lot Change
					06	MS and Sale/Lot Change
					07	WPC, MS and Sale/Lot Change
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What data can be Reissued via a TCU file?

The service allows for the reissue of the following basic information:

- Sale Number and/or Lot Number
- Mulesing Status declarations
- Wool Preparation Category (WPC) downgrades (eg. P to D, Q to B, I to B)

It improves the turnaround time for certificate reissues so the service is quicker and more efficient. A basic reissue fee is then charged as outlined in the "Computer Services: section of our current Fees List: (see [AWTA Wool Testing - Fees](#))

Note other types of certificate reissues require verification of the requested changes by either our sampling staff or through additional supporting documentation, as they relate to the certification status of the sale lot. For example, reissues for sample removed (regrab), Brand/Description changes or amendments to Bale information are still to be requested by contacting the Laboratory.

What are the rules for successfully submitting a TCU request?

The following criteria must be met for AWTA to reissue a certificate through this process:

- Certificate being reissued must be current – it cannot be already reissued, sold, invalidated or combined.
- The requestor must be the original owner (Broker) of the certificate.
- Transmitted values in Client, Bales, Description and Wool Base fields must match the current data in AWTA's certificate database.
- If "FROM" values are provided for WPC, Mulesing, Sale Number or Lot Number these are validated with the database. If not provided, the "TO" values are still used to reissue the certificates. The "TO" values must be different from what is currently on the certificate in AWTA's certificate database.
- WPC downgrades will be processed automatically (eg. P to D, I to B, Q to B). WPC upgrades won't be processed due to IWTO certification requirements (eg. D to P, B to I, B to Q). These must be requested by contacting AWTA directly as happens now.
- NOTE: WPC changes may require additional testing which will change the Yield result and delay the reissue process.
- The "TO" Sale Number must exist in the current seasons sale roster, else PS99 will be assigned
- When request is received from a Broker company and the certificate "client" in the TCU file is one of their subsidiary codes (eg. AWTM is the Transmitter and sends in the TCU file containing certificates for clients is AWTG, AWTB, AWTC, AWTS), then the certificates will be reissued. The process will check that the first 3 characters of each code match (eg. AWT_ in this case).

Further information?

If the above Fact Sheet requires further explanation or you need additional information, please email us at one of the Laboratory locations listed below:

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