

Mya Nguyen

Subject: CWH Application for Authorisation - provision of CWH submission on alpaca fibres [CCNZ-iManage.FID180127]

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Subject: Re: CWH Application for Authorisation - provision of CWH submission on alpaca fibres [CCNZ-iManage.FID180127]

Thanks for the email Mya. Much appreciated.
There are two important aspects of relevance in the comments I would like to comment on.

Firstly, the current scouring service Cavalier provides does not meet the alpaca industry needs. I spoke with Teri Edwards who is employed by Pacific Alpacas, one of the alpaca wool brokers on Tuesday this week. They have to store the fleeces they collect and wait until Cavalier calls to advise when they will scour alpaca fleeces. She said they may get 2 weeks notice and it may be at "any old time" of the year. There is no discussion, agreement or programme as to when the scouring will take place. The uncertainty is a serious inhibiting factor for everyone, breeders, yarn makers and product manufacturers, we don't know when the yarn will be available.

Secondly, we are aware there are no suitable scouring facilities in Australia. As I understand the situation, many Australian breeders send their fleeces to China where they are scoured, processed into yarn and often knitted into products and then returned to Australia. Comfort Sock at Levin make a range of socks "Naturalpaca" using New Zealand alpaca yarn for me. I believe this is one of a very limited number of commercial knitters using alpaca. [

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I was unaware that Cavalier scoured Australian alpaca fleeces. This increases the concern that with a reduced number of scouring facilities in New Zealand, indeed in Australasia that the New Zealand Alpaca industry is not going to get any better service.

Regards
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