CERTIFIED SHEEP SHEARING
DECLARATION AND CHECK-LIST
(Check all boxes that apply)

AMERICAN WOOL

ANIMAL WELFARE AND HANDLING

☐ I agree to ensure that all personnel handling sheep will take proper care of animals. The U.S. sheep industry does not condone nor support the actions of anyone that results in the abuse of sheep either intentionally or unintentionally. Rough handling of animals that might result in the injury of a sheep is an unacceptable maneuver during the shearing process or anytime when sheep are handled. ***Sheep Care Guide:*** www.sheepusa.org/IssuesPrograms_AnimalHealth_AnimalCareWelfare

CONTAMINATION REDUCTION:

☐ No Poly Tarps or Twine used by shearing operation.
☐ Will notify grower/classer of black wool spots and other wool contamination found on the sheep during shearing and will take steps necessary to remove the offending contaminant from the wool where practical. This includes removing black wool and poly twine and placing the contaminants in a designated containment area to not contaminate the remaining wool if feasible.
☐ Allow sweeping of wool between shearing of sheep to avoid contamination of freshly shorn wool. (In addition, shearing areas will be cleaned in between runs of sheep during the day. Shearing trailers will be thoroughly cleaned daily to avoid cross contamination.)

SHEARING ORDER:

When the sheep producer has made the effort to sort sheep prior to shearing by wool type and age, the shearer and shearing crew will not shear an "out of sequence" sheep – even if the opportunity presents itself. The various sheep groups can be found in the ASI Code of Practice for preparation of U.S. wool clips.

☐ Agree not to shear sheep of different wool types in the same run.
☐ Agree to package and label the wool of different wool types separately.
☐ Shearers agree not to shear a black-face or meat breed cross within a white-face wool breed group. All black face and meat breed sheep and their crosses will only be sheared after the white face wool/dual purpose breeds.
☐ Black sheep will be sheared after all the white wool and meat breeds are sheared.
☐ Hair sheep and hair sheep crosses will be sheared after all other sheep, packaged and labeled "**R**"

WOOL PREPARATION:

Shear in a manner to that will allow wool to be properly prepared for marketing:

☐ Toss belly wool aside for separate packaging. (Note: if poly is present, this can help reduce poly contamination of fleece wool)
☐ Remove top-knot, shanks, cheeks and place with sweepings. **Label as "Locks"**
☐ On White-face wool sheep, notify grower/classer of colored spots and allow the fleece to be classed appropriately.
☐ Remove poly detected and dispose of properly.

PACKAGING AND LABELING:

Shearing crew agrees to the following:

☐ Will only use New and Approved Packaging materials.

☐ Will label wool according to the Code of Practice guidelines.

Will not allow mixing of:
☐ Wool Types ☐ Wool Lines ☐ Off-sorts

☐ Will not allow contamination due to carelessness or neglect.

I _____ certify that the above are true statements. _____
(Shearer Signature) (Date)

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(Print Name)

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(Shearer Address, Telephone, E-mail)

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