



Forest Reproductive Material Newsletter

Welcome to the second Newsletter keeping registered FRM suppliers, and others with an interest, informed of a range of FRM related issues and developments. It is my intention to issue newsletters annually or as often as necessary to ensure suppliers are kept up to date of any new developments or changes as they happen.

Review of EU Legislation

As most of you will be aware the proposal to amalgamate 12 Directives, including EC Directive 1999/105 on Forest Reproductive Material, into one Regulation has been rumbling along for quite a few years. It has recently gathered momentum and over the past 6 months the Forestry Commission attended meetings in Brussels to discuss the potential implications. EFNA and the ENA have also been involved in discussions with the EU. Initial proposals suggest that there could be financial implications to the industry with full cost recovery for FRM fees being one of the proposals.

As soon as the full list of proposals are received the Forestry Commission will consult with the relevant stakeholders. This

is expected to be in late Summer/early Autumn 2012.

Suppliers Document Revision

Due to the use of different languages and forms of presentation by Member States and Stakeholders, supplier's labels and documents are not always clear. The EU therefore put forward a 'Recommendation' that a numbering structure should be introduced. Although this is only an EU recommendation, and therefore there is no legal obligation to do this, with the proposed revision of the FRM regulations this may change. The format of the existing Suppliers document does not need to change, however we suggest that you familiarise yourself with the new numbering (**Appendix 1**) If you have any questions, please get in touch.

EU equivalence with OECD scheme

In 2011 the 'Qualified' category was recognised by the OECD scheme. There are currently discussions taking place to incorporate the 'Tested' category – We will keep you posted!

National Register of Approved Basic Material

The current version of the *National Register of Approved Basic Material* is available on the Forestry Commission website at: <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-6judsq>

Indigenous Scottish seed stands

Forestry Commission Scotland hope to have several indigenous selected seed stands added to the National register over the coming year.

Register of FRM Suppliers

The *Register of FRM Suppliers* was updated in June 2012 and is available to view on-line at:

<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/website/forestry.nsf/byunique/infd-66sglv>

Nursery Inspections

During 2010-2011, 37 Nurseries were inspected. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those Nurseries for their co-operation in facilitating these inspections.

We are proposing to inspect approximately 35 Nurseries between now and the end of March 2013. Those Nurseries which have been selected will be contacted at the beginning of August.

As always, if clarification of the inspection procedure is needed by Nurseries then please contact us.

Aspen

Forest Research now has a system in place for identifying individual clones and will be requesting samples of all new clones from anyone applying for a Licence to Market. This is not a legal requirement. More information can be obtained from Stuart A'Hara whose contact details are shown below.

Seed Collections

730 Master Certificates were issued for seed collected in 2010. Master Certificates can be applied for up to 9 months after the date of collection so data for 2011 is still provisional and will be subject to change. Currently however nearly 584 Master Certificates have been issued for seed collected in 2011.

Plant Health

The Tree Health and Plant Biosecurity Action Plan (THBAP) - Working Group on developing

biosecurity procedures, for the forestry and tree related sectors (including tree nurseries), inaugural meeting was held on 27 June 2012 in Silvan House in Edinburgh. The main purpose of the group will to produce and oversee the implementation of an action plan for the delivery of the THPBAP

Theme short term action - *'Ensure that proper biosecurity procedures are developed and implemented to allow each industry sector to lead by example.'* For further information and advice on how to participate in this process please contact Nick Mainprize, Deputy Head of Plant Health in the first instance (contact details below)

For all the latest plant health news, check out the FC website.

www.forestry.gov.uk/planthealth

The FRM (GB) Regulations 2002 – a reminder

Seed Collecting

You **MUST** give the Forestry Commission at least 14 days notice of your intention to collect reproductive material. Master Certificates must be applied for within 9 months of collecting the reproductive material OR before marketing, whichever is earlier.

Master Certificates **CANNOT** be issued if the above timescale has not been adhered to and you cannot market FRM unless a certificate has been issued.

Exporting FRM

You **MUST** notify the Forestry Commission of any FRM sent to another EU member State within 14 days of the date of dispatch.

FRM web pages

Up to date versions of the Register of FRM Suppliers, the National Register of Approved

Basic Material, and the various legislation covering FRM together with many other pieces of guidance and information are available on the FRM pages of the Forestry Commission website at www.forestry.gov.uk/frm.

You will also find all the forms required for notifying the FC of your intention to collect seed and applying for a Master Certificate, examples of supplier documents, and an application for registering a stand as an approved source of basic material. If there is any other information you feel would be useful, or if you have any comments on the general layout of the FRM pages please do not hesitate to let me know. Contact details are at the foot of the page.

Staff Changes

As most of you will be aware there have been various changes to the FRM team over the past year – thank you for your continued patience and support as we all get to grips with our new roles!

Nick Mainprize has joined us as Deputy Head of Plant Health, Nick's role also gives him responsibility for ensuring the delivery of FRM. **Veronica Cain** joined us in May and has taken over the handling of seed collection notifications and the issuing of Master Certificates.

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For enquiries relating to the seed collection notifications, the issue of Master certificates, registration of new suppliers or for export notifications please contact:

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For Poplar or Aspen issues or for enquiries relating to the issuing of a 'licence to market material that does not meet the full requirements of the regulations', contact:

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APPENDIX 1

In accordance with Council Directive 1999/105/EC

A. Requirements as listed in Article 13 of Directive 1999/105/EC

B. Requirements as listed in Article 14 of Directive 1999/105/EC

Supplier's document number	1	
Internal (supplier's) reference lot	1a	
Date of dispatch of FRM	2	
Master Certificate code and number	3	
Name and address of supplier	4	
Name and address of receiver	5	
Botanical name	6	
Type of planting stock of seedling or cuttings, whether undercuts, transplants or containerised	7a – 'seeds' 7b – 'parts of plants' 7c – 'planting stock (bare root)' 7d – 'planting stock (containerised)'	
Category	8a – 'source identified' 8b – 'selected' 8c – 'qualified' 8d – 'tested'	
In the case of reproductive material of the 'tested' category whose basic material is approved under Article 4(5) of Directive 1999/105/EC, the words 'provisionally approved'	8x	
Type of basic material	9a – 'seed source' 9b – 'stand' 9c – 'seed orchard' 9d – 'parents of families' 9e – 'clone' 9f – 'clonal mixture'	
Purpose	10a – 'multifunctional forestry' 10b – 'other'	
Register reference or identity code for region of provenance	11	
If appropriate, whether the origin of the material is autochthonous or indigenous, non-autochthonous or non-indigenous, or unknown	12a – 'autochthonous/indigenous' 12b – 'non-autochthonous/non-indigenous' 12c – 'unknown'	
Region of Provenance – for reproductive	13	

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material of the 'source identified' and 'selected' categories or other reproductive material if appropriate		
Origin of basic material if non-autochthonous or non-indigenous	14	
Quantity supplied	15	
Age of planting stock of seedling or cuttings, whether undercuts, transplants or containerised	16	
In the case of seed units, the year of ripening	17	
Whether it is genetically modified	18a – 'Yes' 18b – 'No'	
Whether the material has been vegetatively propagated	19a – 'Yes' 19b – 'No'	

C. In the case of seed, only for quantities above those referred in Article 14 (4) of Directive 1999/105/EC

Purity; the percentage by weight of pure seed, other seed and inert matter of the product marketed as a seed lot	22	
The germination percentage of the pure seed, or, where Germination percentage is impossible or impractical to assess, the viability percentage assessed by reference to a specified method	23	
The weight of 1,000 pure seed	24	
The number of germinable seeds per kilogram of product marketed as seed, or where the number of germinable seeds is impossible or impractical to assess, the number of viable seeds per kilogram	25	

D. In the case of *Populus spp.* (parts of plants)

Class of stem cuttings (EC1/EC2) (18-20cm)	26	
Class of sets (N1/N2 – S1/S2) (105-3m)	27	