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Regulations Update

- Regulation went live 3rd March 2013
- FC, Industry and National Measurements Office (Dept. responsible for overseeing the regulation) have agreed a simplified process to reduce the burden.
- Extra information requested in relation to Species/percentages and/or volumes
- FC will produce self certifying pro forma and will validate
- 'Operator' will be responsible for completion of declaration and retaining for future use
- Traders will be required to keep paper trail of timber purchases / sales for a period of five years

- Process went live with FC England on 1st September
- Increased level of information is **not** required:
 - For applications that were submitted prior to 1st September
 - For EWGS 'child' cases that result from a WPG application approved before 1st September
- Full details are available on the FC Web site.
Go to

<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-9ashvf>

- 5 external training events delivered in spring 2013 (1 in each area)
- Demand for any more? List available to complete before leaving
- Draft guidance (since 2007) currently being reviewed.
 - Internal review complete
 - Natural England review complete
 - Currently with small selection of external experts.
- Target to replace existing 'drafts' by 1st October 2013
- No change to area / percentage parameters
- Clearer guidance on likely offences / how to reduce risks etc.
- Currently working on a waterproof field guide for owners and agents covering all the key species in one booklet. Hopefully available shortly.

- Revised forms and guidance will shortly be available. Aiming for 1st October release.
- Updated to take account of habitat restoration (reporting), introduction of Birds Directive and EUTR.
- Requires a little extra information, but taken opportunity to remove some fields from previous form.
- Applicants Focus Group generally happy with changes.

- Re-introduce on 1st October. Now built into current policy so expect every year going forward (or until policy changes)
- Zone boundaries roughly the same in England, apart from extension to include F of Dean into zone 1
- Continuing to fund larch **planting** in **zone 3 only**
- Continue felling larch in winter (zone 1) if accept that it is infected unless:
 - There is fly over evidence in September that shows otherwise. We will process applications accordingly.
- <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infid-6dfk86>