



Circular 02/2010

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To all REPS Planners

CC. Regional Inspectors, AES inspectors, AS, DS & SAO.

The Rural Environment Protection Scheme

Timescales for the planting of hedgerows and trees in REPS 4

In accordance with paragraph 33.1 of the Terms & Conditions of the REPS and Natura 2000 schemes, the Minister authorises the following amendments:

REPS 4 participants who have opted for any of the following commitments must abide by the new planting time limits described below.

Title	New Time Limits
Use of Planted Buffer Zones	All planting completed by end of 2 nd calendar year of REPS contract
Broadleaved Tree Planting	All planting completed by end of 2 nd calendar year of REPS contract
Farm Woodland Establishment	All planting completed by end of 2 nd calendar year of REPS contract
Planting New Hedgerows	Half work completed by end of 2 nd calendar year, remainder completed before end of 3 rd calendar year
Traditional Irish Orchards	All planting completed by end of 2 nd calendar year of REPS contract

Example 1

Plan commenced on 1/6/2008 – 300 metres of hedgerow required:

- i) at least 150 m to be planted before 31st December, 2010
- ii) a total of 300 m to be planted before 31st December 2011.

Example 2

Plan commenced on 1/6/2008 – planting of 60 trees required

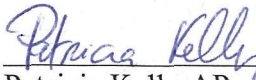
- i) all 60 trees to be planted by 31st December 2010

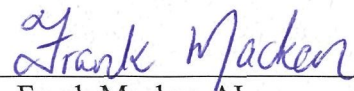
Example 3

Plan commenced on 1/6/2008 – planting of 1,000 m² buffer strip along a watercourse required

- ii) all 1,000 m² to be planted by 31st December 2010

The penalties outlined in Annex I of the Terms and Conditions of the REPS and Natura 2000 Schemes will apply to these amended time limits. This circular comes into immediate effect.


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