Forest Reproductive Material

Consultation

The Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine invites written submissions or observations on the attached draft document which includes a revision and updating of:

1. ‘Accepted Tree Species for Grant Aid in Plots’ and
2. ‘Accepted Seed Origins /Provenances’

The accepted tree species for grant aid list is being reviewed in the context of the need to maintain and enhance the productivity and wood quality of the forest estate and to facilitate diversifying further the species we plant. This is in the context of the ever increasing threats from pests and diseases, the significant potential impact of climate change and an overdependence on a narrow range of species. Some of the current species in the list may also not be considered appropriate for forestry planting. The current lists etc. are outlined in the ‘Forestry Standards and Procedures Manual’, pages 39 – 42.

The layout of the draft ‘Accepted Seed Origins /Provenance’ list attached has been changed to aid clarity. The revision provides the legal categories for the marketing of forest reproductive material: ‘Source Identified’, ‘Selected’, ‘Qualified’ and ‘Tested’ as defined in Council Directive 1999/105/EC on the marketing of forest reproductive material.

As outlined in the draft any significant changes in the ‘Accepted Seed Origins/Provenance’ table would provide for a lead in period.

Following the completion of the consultation submission period there will be a stakeholder meeting to discuss the revision and updating of the ‘Acceptable Tree Species for Grant Aid in Plots’ and the ‘Accepted Seed Origin/Provenances’.

Submissions should be clearly marked in the subject box ‘Forest Reproductive Material Consultation’ and emailed to frm@agriculture.gov.ie .

The closing date for receipt of submissions is 14th September 2015.

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