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**The Forest Reproductive Material
(Great Britain) Regulations 2002**

PART III

Collection and Production of Forest Reproductive Material

Master Certificates

13.—(1) The owner of any forest reproductive material intended to be marketed which—

- (a) has been collected from approved basic material in accordance with regulation 11, or
- (b) is in the form of seed which has been extracted from cones or fruit collected from approved basic material in accordance with regulation 11,

shall, within nine months of the date of the collection, apply to the Commissioners in writing for the issue of a Master Certificate in respect of that material, providing the particulars set out in paragraph (2).

(2) The particulars referred to in paragraph (1) are—

- (a) the owner's name, address and contact details;
- (b) a description of the forest reproductive material collected, namely
 - (i) botanical name;
 - (ii) nature and category; and
 - (iii) quantity of material, as defined in paragraph (3), for which the certificate is sought;
- (c) the type of basic material from which it is derived;
- (d) the unique register reference for the basic material from which it is derived; and
- (e) such other information as may be necessary to enable the Commissioners to complete the form on which the Master Certificate is to be issued in accordance with paragraph (8).

(3) "Quantity of material" refers in paragraph (2)(b)(iii),

- (a) in the case of seeds to their weight, and where those seeds have been extracted from cones or infructescences, additionally, to the volume of cones or fruit from which the seeds were extracted; and
- (b) in the case of parts of plants, to their number.

(4) The owner of forest reproductive material produced by means of subsequent multiplication by vegetative propagation permitted in accordance with regulation 12 shall within two months from the date the material used in such propagation is first collected apply for a new Master Certificate in respect of the forest reproductive material so produced, providing the particulars required under paragraph (2) above and stating that it has been produced by such means.

(5) The owner of forest reproductive material which is produced by mixing forest reproductive material from approved basic material permitted under regulation 15(3) and (4) shall within two

months from the date of mixing the material apply to the Commissioners for a Master Certificate in respect of the mixture so produced—

- (a) providing the particulars required under paragraph (2);
- (b) stating the register references of each of the components of the mixture in the case of mixtures permitted under regulation 15(3); and
- (c) stating the years of ripening and the proportion of material from each year in the case of mixtures permitted under 15(4).

(6) Any application required under this regulation to be made by an owner of forest reproductive material may be made by a person who is not the owner of the material if that person has the written authority of the owner to do so, and if he provides at the time of making such an application—

- (a) details of the owner’s name and address, and
- (b) a copy of the written authority.

(7) The Commissioners shall issue to the owner, or other applicant authorised by the owner, of any forest reproductive material which they are satisfied has been collected or produced for purposes of marketing in accordance with this Part a Master Certificate in respect of the forest reproductive material and shall allocate to each certificate its own number.

(8) A Master Certificate issued under this regulation shall take the form of the document set out in—

- (a) Schedule 6, where the forest reproductive material to be certified is derived from seed sources or stands;
- (b) Schedule 7, where the forest reproductive material to be certified is derived from seed orchards or parents of family; and
- (c) Schedule 8, where the forest reproductive material to be certified is derived from clones or clonal mixtures.

(9) A Master Certificate issued in respect of forest reproductive material produced by mixing permitted under regulation 15(3) from seed sources and stands in the category “source-identified” shall certify such forest reproductive material as “reproductive material derived from a seed source”.

(10) A Master Certificate issued in respect of forest reproductive material produced from mixing permitted under regulation 15(3) of reproductive material derived from basic material which is neither autochthonous nor indigenous with basic material of unknown origin shall certify such forest reproductive material as being “of unknown origin”.