

SCHEDULE 9

Regulation 17(10)

REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTERNAL QUALITY STANDARDS FOR
POPULUS SPP. PROPAGATED BY STEM CUTTINGS OR SETS

Stem cuttings

- (a) (a) Stem cuttings shall not be considered to be of fair marketable quality if any of the following defects exist:
 - (i) their wood is more than two years old;
 - (ii) they have less than two well formed buds;
 - (iii) they are affected by necroses or show damage by harmful organisms;
 - (iv) they show signs of desiccation, overheating, mould or decay.
- (b) Minimum dimensions for stem cuttings–
 - minimum length: 20 cm,
 - minimum top diameter:
 - Class EC 1: 8 mm
 - Class EC 2: 10 mm.

Sets

- (a) (a) Sets shall not be considered to be of fair marketable quality if any of the following defects exist:
 - (i) their wood is more than three years old;
 - (ii) they have less than five well formed buds;
 - (iii) they are affected by necroses or show damage by harmful organisms;
 - (iv) they show signs of desiccation, overheating, mould or decay;
 - (v) they have injuries other than pruning cuts;
 - (vi) they have multiple stems;
 - (vii) they have excessive stem curvature.
- (b) Size classes for sets

<i>Class</i>	<i>Minimum diameter (mm) at mid-length</i>	<i>Minimum height (m)</i>
Non-Mediterranean regions		
N1	6	1.5
N2	15	3.00
Mediterranean regions		
S1	25	3.00
S2	30	4.00