

Amendments to the Standards – June 2008

On June 17, 2008, in accordance with requirements and authorities provided under section 169 of the *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA), section 43 of the *Forest Planning and Practices Regulation*, and section 32 of the *Woodlot Licence Planning and Practices Regulation*, Jim Snetsinger, Chief Forester, amended the *Chief Forester's Standards for Seed Use*.

Section 8.8 was repealed and the replaced with the following paragraph:

8.8 Despite this Part, a person, other than a timber sales manager, who is required to establish a stand under section 29 of the Act is only required to ensure that 95 per cent of the combined total of the number of seedlings and the number of cuttings that are planted during each fiscal year, by or on behalf of that person with respect to all agreements held by that person in a single management unit, comply with the requirements of sections 8.2 through 8.7.

This amendment comes into effect on October 27, 2008, 4 months after notice was published in the Provincial Gazette on June 26, 2008. This 4-month notification period is required under section 169 of FRPA. However, persons may waive this notification period in accordance with section 169(4)(c)(ii) if they so choose.

The purpose of this amendment is to extend the provisions afforded BC Timber Sales Managers under section 8.9 to persons who hold 2 or more licences within in a timber supply area. This amendment, which is intended to increase efficiencies in seedling planning and planting without compromising forest health or productivity, is one of a number of actions being implemented under government's 90-day regulatory review process.

Persons are required to report the total number of trees planted beyond their respective transfer limits in RESULTS. This information can be used to track compliance with sections 8.8 and 8.9 of the standards.

For further information please refer to the following bulletin: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/InterpretiveBulletins/issue_2.pdf

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