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Preface

Forest Practices Code guidebooks have been developed to support the regulations; however, only those portions of guidebooks cited in regulation are part of the legislation.

The Seed and Vegetative Material Guidebook is referenced in the *Timber Harvesting and Silviculture Practices Regulation, Part 4, section 38 (4), and the Woodlot Licence Forest Management Regulation, Part 6, Division 4, section 82.* This requires that the limits for seed or vegetative material transfer are followed in accordance with the guidebook as amended from time to time. The relevant portion of the guidebook amendment (Guidebook Update #7) that contains this information is as follows:

1. Transfer guidelines for natural stand or plantation provenances (page 22).
2. Table 1. Origins for lodgepole pine superior provenances (page 10-11).
3. Transfer guidelines for superior provenances (page 25).
4. Table 6. Transfer guidelines for lodgepole pine superior provenances (page 26).
5. Transfer guidelines and collection for exotic provenances, items 1 and 7 (page 28).

The recommendations that are not part of the cited portion of guidebook amendments are not mandatory requirements, but once a recommended practice is included in a plan, prescription or contract, it becomes legally enforceable. Except where referenced by regulation, guidebook amendments are not intended to provide a legal interpretation of the *Act* or regulations. In general, they describe procedures, practices and results that are consistent with the legislated requirements of the Code.

Effective September 12, 2003, the Seed and Vegetative Material Guidebook is amended by:

1. Adding the following superior provenance to the section on **Collection of cones, seed and vegetative material** (p. 8):

Yellow-cedar superior provenances

To qualify as a yellow cedar superior provenance, the seedlot must be collected from a natural stand located within an 8 km radius and between 100 m elevation from the coordinates identified in Table 4 (this is a new superior provenance table added to p.11.)

Table 4. Origins for yellow-cedar superior provenances

Location	Origin		
	Elevation	Latitude	Longitude
Waukwass	750m	50 29	127 18

2. Changing the upward elevation transfer limits for natural stand yellow-cedar in **Table 4. Transfer limits for coastal natural stand or plantation provenances** (p. 24) in the Maritime seed planning zone from “+400 m” to “no limit” as follows:

Table 4. Transfer limits for coastal natural stand or plantation provenances (p. 24).

Species	Code	(GL)	Seed Planning Zone			
			Maritime (M)		(SM)	
Yellow-cedar	Yc	N/A	4N	no down limit	2N	-300m
			3S	no up limit	2S	+300m

3. Amending the **Table 6 Transfer limits for lodgepole pine superior provenances** (p. 26) by adding additional seed planning zones to provenances listed as follows:

Table 6. Transfer limits for lodgepole pine superior provenances

Provenance	Seed planning zones	Area of use	
		Elevation transfer limit Upwards (m)	Elevation transfer limit Downwards (m)
Jackfish Creek	DK, FN	200m	200m
Telkwa Low.	BLK	300m	200m
Larch Hills	BSH, EK, SA, TOD, WK	400m	200m
Inonoaklin	BSH, EK, SA, WK, TOD*	300m	200m
Champion Lk.	BSH, EK, TOD, WK	300m	200m
Udy Creek	CHL, CT, MRB, NCH, QL	300m	200m
Rocky Mt. Trench	BSH, EK, MRB, SA, WK, TOD	300m	200m
Wentworth Creek	TOA, TOD, BB*	300m	200m
Canoe Creek	SA, TOA, TOD, WK*	300m	200m
Joe Rich Creek	SA, TOA, TOD*	300m	200m
China Valley	TOD, SA, TOA*	300m	200m
Olean Creek	SA, TOA, TOD, WK*	300m	200m
Nechako River	NCH, BLK, CP, MGR*	300m	200m
Whittier Creek	NCH, CHL, CT, MGR*	300m	200m
Oie Lake	CT, CHL, NCH*	300m	200m
Bowron River	MGR, CP, NCH*	300m	200m

* *SPZ changes effective as of August, 2002; this date coincides with updates made to seedlots registered on the Seed Planning and Registry system (SPAR) in August, 2003.*

4. Amending Table 8 Transfer limits for Sitka spruce superior provenances (p 27) as follows:

Table 8. Transfer limits for Sitka spruce superior provenances

Provenance	Seed planning zones	Latitude Transfer	Area of use	
			Elevation transfer limit Upwards (m)	Elevation transfer limit Downwards (m)
Alloutte R., Haney	M, GL	4N, 1S	up to 500m	200m
Big Qualicum R.	M, GL	4N, 1S	up to 500m	200m

5. Adding the following superior provenance and table to the section **Transfer guidelines for superior provenances** (p.25):

Yellow-cedar superior provenances

Yellow-cedar seed registered as a Waukwass superior provenance must be used in accordance with the transfer limits described in Table 9 as applied to the source of the seed.

Table 9. Transfer limits for yellow-cedar provenances

Provenance	Seed planning zones	Area of use		
		Latitude Transfer	Elevation transfer limit Upwards (m)	Elevation transfer limit Downwards (m)
Waukwass	M	4N, 3S	no limit	no limit

6. Amending the paragraph 1 in the section **Transfer guidelines for exotic provenances** (p. 28).by changing the elevation transfer limits for Noble fir (Bn) to **300m upward** and **400m downward**.

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