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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 Silviculture Practices Regulations, Part 3, Division 1, section 8 (4). 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 #2) that contains this information is as follows:

2. Provincial Seed and Vegetative Material Transfer Guidelines (p. 21 – 31).
 - Coastal Seed Planning Zones (Table 4. p. 24),
 - Exotic Provenances, p. 28, (3) and (5),
 - Seed Orchard Seed, p. 28 –30, (1) to (4).

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.

1. Contact Persons (p. 1)

Replace list of contact persons and phone numbers with the following:

- Seed Policy Officer (Victoria) ph. (250) 356-6207
- Tree Seed Centre (Surrey) ph. (604) 541-1683
- Manager, Seed Production (Saanich) ph. (250) 652-5600
- SPAR Project Manager (Victoria) ph. (250) 387-8945
- Research Branch, Forest Biology (Victoria) ph. (250) 387-6721
- Kalamalka Forestry Centre (Vernon) ph. (250) 549-5577
- Cowichan Lake Research Station ph. (250) 749-6811

2. Provincial Seed and Vegetative Material Transfer Guidelines (p. 21-31)

Coastal Seed Planning Zones (Table 4. p.24)

Coastal lodgepole pine (Plc): upward elevation transfer limit is increased to +300 m in the Maritime (M) seed planning zone.

Exotic Provenances (p. 28)

Repeal sections 3 and 5, and replace respectively with:

3. Idaho western white pine may be transferred to the interior seed planning zones of B.C. , provided it is used south of 52° latitude and below 1450 m. Areas subject to frost should be avoided.

5. Hybrid poplar (Ax) clones may be transferred to B.C. provided they are used in accordance with the Ministry recommendations for specified geographic areas. Contact the Kalamalka Forestry Centre for a listing of suitable clones.

Seed Orchard Seed (p. 28-30)

Repeal entire section, including tables, and replace with:

1. The transferability of seed orchard (genetic class A) seed shall be defined at registration.

2. The use of seed orchard seed shall be limited to the seed planning zone(s) listed for each seedlot.

3. Elevation and latitude transfer limits of seed orchard seed may be defined by minimum and maximum values listed for each seedlot. In the absence of minimum and maximum elevation and/or latitude values the natural stand transfer guidelines (Tables 4 and 5), applicable to the species, shall apply to the mean elevation and/or latitude values of the seedlot.

4. Additional transfer restrictions apply to seedlots originating from the following orchards:
 - Orchard 118, 142 and 157 (Ss) - if used north of 52° on the mainland, use in the CWHvh subzone only.
 - Orchard 129 and 160 (Ba) - if used on the mainland, use in the CWHvm1 variant only.
 - Orchard 156 (Hw) - if used on the mainland, use in the CWHvh subzone or CWHvm1 variant only.

Further information regarding these changes may be obtained by contacting:

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