



### Forest Reproductive Material Newsletter

Welcome to the **third** Forest Reproductive Material Newsletter, keeping registered FRM suppliers, and others with an interest parties, informed of a range of FRM related issues and developments.

#### Sweet chestnut (*Castanea sativa*)

With effect from **11 November 2013** new measures concerning *Castanea* and two other species will be introduced. The new measures introduced through the Order will require movements of sweet chestnut planting material, including seeds, into and within England or Scotland and from England or Scotland to other Member States to be accompanied by certain documentation confirming that the material has been grown in a place of production in a country where *Cryphonectria parasitica* is known not to occur, or an area designated by plant health authorities as free from the disease. If you plan to collect Sweet chestnut seed, then please be aware that we will arrange to inspect your collection. Further guidance can be obtained from;

<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/chestnutblight>

and also

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/2691/contents/made>

#### Review of EU Legislation - Update

As you may be aware there is an on going review of EU legislation which aims to update, simplify and consolidate the current EU regulatory regime comprising 12 directives and some 90 secondary acts which will be repealed. The current regime and proposed new regulation aim to provide growers/end-users (across a range of sectors including farming, horticulture and forestry) with assurance on the productivity, health and quality of PRM, either in the form of seeds or other types of propagation material marketed for the production and/or reproduction of plants and trees. Rules to mitigate biosecurity risks from import and movement of PRM are in EU plant health legislation.

If you would like to view the proposed new regulation then click on this link: [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health\\_consumer/pressroom/docs/proposal\\_aphis\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_consumer/pressroom/docs/proposal_aphis_en.pdf)

The Forestry Commission regularly meet with representatives from the industry to canvass their views, we are also keen to hear any views that you may have – please contact Amanda Campbell.

#### Aspen

Completing and submitting Master certificate applications each year when

cuttings are taken can be an onerous task so we have prepared spreadsheet versions so that multiple cuttings can be captured on the same sheet. Hopefully this will make the task quicker and easier. These have been emailed to all of our regular registered suppliers who deal with Aspen production. These forms will also be available from our web page [www.forestry.gov.uk/frm](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/frm) in the 'Forms' section.

### Licences to Market

Licences to Market are issued to cover marketing of species that do not fully comply with the FRM Regulations. This primarily affects the registration of aspen clones. Licences were initially issued covering a 5 year period and some have now expired. These will be re-issued **if requested** and will no longer be time bound. Please contact Amanda Campbell to arrange this.

### Nursery Inspections

Inspections for 2012-13 are complete. Twenty-five nurseries were visited by our Inspectors. Notably, the same issues keep surfacing and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of your obligations to comply with the Regulations or risk being removed from our Suppliers Register for non-compliance.

What you must do as a Registered Supplier;

- Notify the FC 14 days prior to a seed collection being made.
- Apply to the FC for a Master Certificate once a collection has been made.

- When you pass on material to a customer (including another supplier) you must give them a Suppliers Document.
- Notify the FC if you export any material
- Maintain copies of all of the above (originals for Master certificates) for at least 5 years.

I would ask that if any supplier would like a visit to discuss any aspect of the FRM regulations (you don't even have to be due an inspection!) then please get in touch with Amanda Campbell.

### Nursery Inspections 2013-14

The new round of inspections for 2013-14 has begun and will run until March 2014. Should you have any questions or queries then please do get in touch with

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### Changes to the appearance of Master Certificates

Those of you who regularly apply for Master certificates will be accustomed to seeing the familiar red FC seal on the bottom right hand corner of your certificates. This has now been replaced by a green stamp – not quite as regal perhaps, but still necessary nonetheless!

### Biosecurity

Biosecurity is a set of precautions that aim to prevent the introduction and spread of harmful organisms. These may be pests, pathogens or invasive species. In a forestry context the term 'pests and diseases' is used to refer to invertebrate pests (e.g. insects) that are harmful to trees and to diseases of trees

cause by pathogens such as certain bacteria and fungi. Biosecurity measures are the practical steps designed to minimise the risk of introducing or spreading pests and diseases.

### Why is biosecurity important now?

The threat to our forests and woodland has never been greater. Increase global trade and the movement of goods between countries means an increased risk of spreading pests and diseases, which may travel hidden in plant products, packaging and shipping crates.

Fera have produced a Nurseries and Garden Centres Biosecurity Poster which we recommend you print off and place in a prominent location for nursery staff as a reminder of good working practice in relation to basic nursery hygiene

<http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/plantHealth/documents/nurseriesBiosecurityPoster.pdf>

Fera have also produced a Nurseries, Retailers and Landscapers Best Practice Biosecurity Protocol which we again recommend you read and adopt the recommended practices

<http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/plantHealth/documents/nriProtocol.pdf>

For all the latest plant health news, check out the FC website.  
[www.forestry.gov.uk/planthealth](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/planthealth)

**The FRM (GB) Regulations 2002 – a reminder**

### Exporting FRM

You **MUST** notify the Forestry Commission of any FRM sent to another EU member State within 14 days of the date of dispatch.

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