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**FUNCTIONS DELEGATED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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| **FUNCTION**(listed by legal basis for activity[[1]](#footnote-1)) | **FORESTRY ENGLAND BOARD (FEB)** | **FOREST SERVICES BOARD (FSB)** | **FOREST RESEARCH BOARD (FRB)** |
| **Forestry Act 1967 (as amended): Note:** The Forestry Commissioners are the ‘appropriate forestry authority’ in England**.** |  |  |  |
| To manage the land placed at the disposal of the Forestry Commissioners by the Minister (Secretary of State, Defra) for the functions of the Forestry Commissioners, including promoting the interests of forestry, the development of afforestation and the production and supply of timber whilst endeavouring to achieve balancing duty set out in part 3A of the Act. | X |  |  |
| Promoting the interests of forestry, the development of afforestation and the production and supply of timber and other forest products. |  | X |  |
| Promoting the establishment and maintenance in England of adequate reserves of growing trees | X | X |  |
| To implement the powers to control tree felling as set out in Part II of the Act |  | X |  |
| Undertake the collection, preparation, publication and distribution of statistics relating to forestry; |  |  | X |
| Promote and develop instruction and training in forestry | X | X | X |
| Carry out experiments and research either directly or with others for the purpose of promoting forestry and publish the results of research aid the disseminate the information on forestry; |  |  | X |
| Exploit any intellectual property or intangible assets arising from the carrying out of any activity.  | X | X | X  |
| The establishment and maintenance of regional advisory committees |  | X |  |
| **Countryside Act 1968 (as amended)** |  |  |  |
| To provide, or arrange for or assist in the provision of, tourist, recreational or sporting facilities on the land placed at the disposal of the Forestry Commissioners  | X |  |  |
| **Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964:** |  |  |  |
| The establishment and maintenance of an official seed testing station for silvicultural propagating and planting material and charging powers in respect of seed testing activity. | X |  |  |
| **Plant Health Act 1967:** |  |  |  |
| The competent authority for the protection of forest trees and timber from attack by pests and diseases, and the power to make orders |  | X |  |
| **Forest Reproductive Material (Great Britain) Regulations 2002:** |  |  |  |
| The selection, development and marketing of seeds for use as forest reproductive materials, including establishing labelling, marking and record keeping requirements; in particular, they establish a regime for registration of basic reproductive materials and for their regions of provenance. The Regulations implement an EU Directive on the marketing of forest reproductive material and on external quality standards for forest reproductive material marketed within the EU. | X[Application] | X[Regulations] |  |
| **Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999** and **The Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2017:** |  |  |  |
| The appropriate forestry body undertake the role set out in regulations, primarily to decide if a project is a “relevant project” and if so grant or refuse consent having followed due process. |  | X |  |
| **Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000:** |  |  |  |
| The “relevant authority” for all woodland in England dedicated under the Act for public access |  | X |  |

1. The key relevant powers and duties of the Forestry Commissioners have been summarised in this list of key functions, the full text of the various Acts should be referred to for full details of the Commissioners powers and duties. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)