

# Forest Reproductive Material

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## Important information to Forest Reproductive Material (FRM) suppliers

In **December 2018** the UK became members of the [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development \(OECD\) Scheme for the Certification of Forest Reproductive Material Moving in International Trade \(Forest Seed and Plant Scheme\)](#).

The OECD scheme is a certification system that facilitates international trade in forest seed and plants. The previous newsletter issued in [February 2019](#) explains the reasoning for the UK re-joining the OECD scheme.

### Applying for a Master Certificate and what has changed

The UK's FRM regulations implement the EU Council Directive 1999/105/EC (the Directive) which sets out the controls that apply to marketing forest seeds and plants. It is a legal requirement that the Master Certificate you currently receive references this EU Directive.

Now that the UK is a member of the OECD Forest Seed and Plant Scheme, you can also request to receive an OECD Certificate that references this international scheme. This could be relevant if you sell FRM to a non-EU member country that participates in or recognises the OECD scheme. To request an OECD Certificate please email [frm@forestrycommission.gov.uk](mailto:frm@forestrycommission.gov.uk).

This will be effective from **1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**.

If you require an OECD Certificate for any material that you have had certified since 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018, you can request this by emailing [frm@forestrycommission.gov.uk](mailto:frm@forestrycommission.gov.uk), quoting the Master Certificate number.

In addition we can issue an OECD certificate for material certified prior to December 2018 if you have a specific requirement for marketing purposes to other countries.

### OECD labels

Templates for OECD labels are available on request from the Forestry Commission (FC) for those suppliers who market seed and planting material to other countries with an OECD Certificate. These need to be used in conjunction with an OECD Certificate.

## What stays the same?

The process for making an application to the FC remains the same and the Master Certificate remains the legal document to quote on supplier's documentation.

The process that a registered supplier MUST follow to ensure compliance remains the same;

- Pre-notify the FC prior to FRM collection, **providing 14 days' notice**, with details of all sites.
- Apply to the FC for a Master Certificate (within 9 months of the collection or prior to marketing).
- Provide customers with a supplier's document giving a set of standard details of the material you are supplying.
- Retain documents for 5 years.

## Who should registered suppliers contact if they have any questions?

Please [email](#) the FC with any questions you would like to address regarding the new OECD Certificates and refer to our guidance [online](#).

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All enquiries relating to this newsletter should be directed to the relevant FRM team member –

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