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Friday, 03 April 2020

Dear Ms Barnett,

Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018
19FGS40643
Dunnet Forestry Trust

Your Forest Plan has now been formally approved and I have enclosed a signed copy of the approved Plan for your records.

Please note that you must manage the Forest Plan area as outlined in the approved Plan and according to the undertaking statement in the above contract number. Scottish Forestry will review the Forest Plan with you in the fifth year of the Plan.

A Felling Permission is enclosed to cover felling under the first two 5 year felling phases of this Plan. Please note that this Felling Permission and Scottish Forestry's approval for the Plan expires on Tuesday, 02 April 2030.

I have also enclosed a "Due Diligence Form for UK Grown Timber". This form will help you meet the requirements of the EU Timber Regulations that seek to minimise the risk of illegally harvested timber being placed on the market. If you are felling timber and placing that on the market then you must sign and keep a copy of this form. Your Forest Plan will give details of the species felled. If you are felling the timber but not directly placing it on the market then simply pass the form to the agent or company who are doing so.

When you make your claim for either of the Forestry Grant Scheme Woodland Improvement Grant options for Forest Plans, please submit a copy of this letter with your claim.

Yours sincerely,

Kay A Thomas
Admin Officer
For Conservator
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**EU Timber Regulation:
Due Diligence for UK Grown Timber**

This document is intended to help meet the obligations placed on "operators", as defined under EU Timber Regulation (No 995/210), to undertake a risk assessment. It outlines the risk factors associated with timber grown in Great Britain / United Kingdom (see overleaf) for the timber detailed below.

Evidence of Lawful
Harvesting

1. Felling Permission Ref No(s) or Statutory Plant Health Notice(SHPN) number	Date Approved

(If the recipient of the felling permission, or SPHN is felling the timber but not directly placing it on the market then the due diligence form must be passed to the agent or company who are doing so).

OR

2. Forest Management Plan Ref No (s)	Date Approved
19FGS40643	03/04/2020

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3. In absence of felling permission, SPHN or forest plan:
Where the timber came from : Name & Address of Supplier/Land Owner: Reason the timber does not derive from an approved felling licence or a forest plan:

Certification: If the timber is independently certified enter the certificate number below:

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Additional Risk Factors: If there are any factors (not covered overleaf) that indicate a risk that the timber could be illegally harvested, enter these below with an explanation of how that risk has been mitigated.

Factor	Means of Mitigation

Declaration by the operator: I declare that the timber referred to above is grown in Great Britain / United Kingdom. I have identified any additional risk factors and the action taken to mitigate that risk, and I have no reason to believe that there are further risks of the timber being illegal.

Signed:

Dated :

More information can be found here:http://ec.europa.eu/environment/forests/timber_regulation.htm

The timber described overleaf was produced from GB/UK forests where the following risk factors apply:

1. **Illegality** - Forests in Great Britain are regulated by the Forestry Commission or Natural Resources Wales. In Northern Ireland the Forest Service, part of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. In Scotland: Scottish Forestry, an agency of the Scottish Government. The incidence of illegal felling is low, estimated at much less than 1% of the timber volume harvested.
2. **Governance** - The UK is ranked highly for good governance in independent assessments, such as The Worldwide Governance Indicators project (funded by The World Bank). Moreover forestry proposals in the UK are available for comment and the UK is well served by bodies from civil-society that contribute specialist knowledge and opinion to the assessment of forestry proposals.
3. **International Perspective** - There is no UN Security Council ban on timber exports from the UK and the UK is not associated with or designated as a source of 'conflict timber', both of which are key international indicators of illegality.
4. **Forest Regulation** - The UK has specific forest laws (principally, The Forestry Act 1967, the Forestry Act (Northern Ireland) 2010, and The Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018) which convey powers to regulate forestry activities, control felling, administer woodland grants and to manage state forests. The Forestry Commission issued a revised UK Forestry Standard (UKFS) in 2011 which provides a benchmark against which forestry is regulated and is explicit in terms of legal requirements and the assurances of legality and sustainability that can be given by the process of forest regulation. The Forestry Commission / Natural Resources Wales / Northern Ireland Forest Service / Scottish Forestry are the competent authorities with respect to Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) Regulations. The Forestry Commission reports on behalf of the UK the sustainability of UK forests in the Global Forest Resources Assessment and Forest Europe indicators and compiles annual statistical information. These various sources of information indicate that forests in the UK are managed on a sustainable basis.
5. **Endangered Timber Species** - There are no endangered timber species present in the UK.
6. **Assessment of UK grown timber by the certification schemes** - The two major international certification schemes, FSC and PEFC, have assessed GB as being of low risk in terms of their "Controlled Wood" and "Avoidance of Controversial Sources" respectively. This allows up to 30% of non-certified GB grown timber to enter supply chains. Approximately 80% of timber coming to the market in the UK has been independently certified as coming from well managed forests. This is in addition to the regulatory processes outlined above.

Notes for completion of form

The person who first places timber / timber products on the market or uses them is defined as:

If you are a landowner, harvesting and selling the trees, then complete this form and keep it with the felling licence/permission/management plan (as appropriate) together with details of the contract for sale of the timber.

If you are buying the timber 'standing' and harvesting the trees, then complete this form, ask for a copy of the felling licence, felling permission or management plan approval from the owner and keep this form together with details of the contract for purchase of the timber. It is important to keep a record for at least 5 years, as required by the legislation, of timber sales and purchases. Information on EU timber regulations can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/forests/timber_regulation.htm



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The Rural Development (Scotland) Regulations 2015

Woodland Improvement Grant: Long Term Forest Planning

FGS Contract Reference: 19FGS40643

Name of Forest Plan: Dunnet Forestry Trust

Parties to this Forest Plan

Scottish Forestry -

Subscribed for and on behalf of the Scottish Ministers:

SIGNED

JOHN RISBY

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Date of Plan Approval: 03 April 2020

Date of Plan Expiry: 02 April 2030

Certificate of Permission for Tree Felling

This is to certify that tree felling within

Plan Reference: 19FGS40643
Plan Name: Dunnet Forestry Trust

*has been granted permission by Scottish Forestry under
section 27 of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland)
Act 2018.*

*This certificate is valid only for the felling indicated in the
approved Plan, which bears the same reference number as
this Felling Permission, from the time of issue to the Plan
expiry date.*

Signed



For Scottish Forestry

Date signed 03 April 2020

Plan expiry 02 April 2030

Schedule of Conditions

This Felling Permission approves the felling work on the land specified in the Plan, with the conditions set out in this Schedule:

1. The land on which the approved felling took place, or alternative areas as may be specified in the Plan, must be cleared, drained and prepared, as required, to allow restocking as specified in the Plan.
2. Each part of the land on which the felling takes place, or alternative areas as may be specified in the Plan, must be restocked in accordance with the approved restocking details contained within the Plan, including:-
 - (a) The type of restocking;
 - (b) The species of tree to be used for restocking, and;
 - (c) The restocking density or number of trees to be replanted, as set out in the Plan for that part of the land.
3. For each part of the land, Condition 2 above will be carried out no later than 2 years after felling, or at such other times as may be stipulated in the approved Plan.
4. For a period of 10 years after the restocking or planting;
 - (a) The trees will be adequately protected and weeded; and
 - (b) Losses will be replaced to provide a stocking density of no less than 1600 stems per hectare for broadleaves or 2500 stems per hectare for conifers, or at such other stocking densities as specified in the Plan.
5. All forestry operations carried out under this permission will be planned and implemented within the scope of the UK Forestry Standard.
6. You will provide a summary of felling and restocking progress against the approved plan immediately after all works in phase 1 (years 1 – 5) are complete, or at year 5, whichever is sooner.

Additional Notes

1. Where the Plan does not specify restocking work, this felling permission unconditionally approves the felling work on that part of the land.
2. If a Tree Preservation Order is placed on any of the trees after this felling permission is issued, the consent of the Local Authority must be obtained before they are felled.
3. Others involved with the felling should be told about this felling permission e.g. by giving a copy of the permission and map to the person felling the trees. If the land is sold, the new owner should also be told about this felling permission.
4. Please refer to the agreed routes for timber haulage. The agreed routes map can be viewed on the Timber Transport Forum website (<http://timbertransportforum.org.uk/>). As many routes are subject to consultation or restrictions you should discuss and agree your haulage plans (routes and volumes) with the Local Authority in advance of commencing operations.
5. Under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 as amended by the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011, anyone planning, permitting or carrying out forest operations or other activities in woodlands should be aware of their wildlife protection responsibilities.
6. Under the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003, anyone planning, permitting, or carrying out forest operations or other activities in woodlands should be aware of their responsibilities for the protection and improvement of water quality and aquatic ecosystems. See www.forestrywaterscotland.com for more information.
7. If you are to fell Larch within the *P. ramorum* Zone 1 (outside the Management Zone) or Zone 2 areas where you are within 10km of a known infection (which are indicated on the regularly updated map), you must contact your local Conservancy Office before you begin felling to find out if the stand needs to be inspected to confirm the presence or absence of *Phytophthora ramorum*. The inspection cannot be carried out until the trees are fully in needle.
8. Forestry can be dangerous. The Forest Industry is working together to raise the standards of health, safety and welfare in the work place. More information can be found at: www.ukfisa.com



Dunnet Forestry Trust Long Term Forest Plan

Map 4: Felling

Business Reference Number 162744

Location code 73/285/0026





