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To all Registered Foresters

Change to broadleaf stocking for interim afforestation scheme

For the purpose of the Interim afforestation (*via de minimis*) scheme, and associated afforestation licences, the minimum stocking for all broadleaves (for all relevant Forest Types) accepted to be planted will change from immediate effect to 2,500 trees per hectare. There will be no changes made to grant rates at this point for this interim scheme.

This arrangement and associated grants will be reviewed prior to the opening of the proposed Afforestation Scheme under the Forestry Programme 2023-2027.

Regards,

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