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To all Registered Foresters and other Stakeholders

### **Clarification on Agroforestry and Organo-mineral soils**

Please note that as per Section 2.2 Eligible Soils of Land Types for Afforestation: Soil & Fertility ([gov – Regulation, Forest Health and Resources \(www.gov.ie\)](http://www.gov.ie)) in relation to soil types, sites will be considered eligible for afforestation in the following circumstances:

- Mineral and Organo-mineral soils  
Soils with a peat depth of 30cm or less will be eligible. All Forest Types (FTs) will be eligible.  
The methodology for undertaking a peat depth survey is outlined in Appendix A.
- Modified fens and modified cutaway raised bogs.  
Soils derived from modified fens and modified cutaway raised bogs will be eligible. Only those Forest Types (FTs) involving native woodland creation will be permitted on these soils. The corresponding FT rules and requirements must be met, with no new drains installed.

I would therefore like to clarify, that Agroforestry plots within FT8 that contain native species only and which also reflect the Native Woodland Scenario suited for organo-mineral soils will be eligible to be afforested on organo-mineral soils once they meet all other criteria outlined in the Forest Standards manual, Land types for Afforestation: Soil & Fertility, Environmental Requirement for Afforestation and associated circulars.

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