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To all Registered Foresters and Forestry Companies

Forest Roads Scheme

As and from today, 16 December 2011, no applications under the current Forest Roads (Grants) Scheme will either be accepted or approved by the Department. Processing of non-grant aided applications for consent for forest roads will continue as normal.

Those with applications under the existing Roads Scheme that have been financially approved will have their applications processed and paid in accordance with that Scheme and the conditions of their approval.

It is intended, shortly, to circulate for consultation proposed changes to the Forest Roads Scheme with a view to having a revised Scheme in place as early as possible in the New Year. A separate communication will issue in relation to the proposed revisions to the Roads Scheme as soon as possible.

Applicants under the current Forest Roads (Grants) Scheme whose applications have not been decided upon/approved will be afforded the opportunity to switch to the revised Scheme, subject to their acceptance of the revised conditions of that scheme.

Woodland Improvement Scheme (Tending and Thinning)

As and from today, 16 December 2011, this scheme is suspended pending a review of liabilities and funding. No new applications under the Woodland Improvement Scheme will be accepted and no existing applications will be approved by the Department from today. Applications already approved under the WIS will be processed and paid in accordance with the Scheme and the conditions of their approval.

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