

21st December 2009

To the Forester or Company
named in the address

Afforestation, NWS (Establishment), FEPS – Planting in 2010

Dear Sir or Madam:

As you are aware all existing financial approvals (with a few limited exceptions) will expire on 31st December 2009. It is not proposed to issue any extensions into 2010 in respect of any existing financial approvals. Any financial approvals not used have now reverted to technical approvals.

It is now intended to issue financial approvals for planting in Spring 2010 with a completion date of 31st March 2010.

In this regard and to ensure an equitable and fair distribution can you please inform Ms Nuala Kennedy by **email or post only** (nuala.kennedy@agriculture.gov.ie) of the CN number of any former financial approvals or any technical approvals where your client **definitely intends to plant by 31st March 2010**. Approvals will issue in chronological order and **no time extensions** will be given. Financial approvals not availed of by this time will automatically revert to technical approvals.

In the circumstances approval should **only** be sought where the applicant is fully committed to completion of the planting by 31st March 2010.

As it is proposed to commence issuing the financial approvals from 4th January 2010 please let Ms Kennedy have the relevant information by Thursday 31st December 2009.

Yours sincerely

GERRY FOGARTY
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL