

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

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To the Forester or Forestry Company named in the address

Dear Sir/Madam

Revised Mapping Standards

Please find attached revised mapping standards for forestry schemes administered by this Department. These requirements take into consideration feedback received from registered foresters and third parties over the past 12 months.

The mapping standards describe existing practice and introduce a number of new requirements. These changes include the requirement to submit paper based maps at a scale of 1:5000. This will improve the accuracy of maps submitted for payment and improve maps sent to third parties during consultation.

The Forest Service plans to continually develop the iNet system to enable further application stages to be submitted online. The progress of development and implementation will be determined by the availability of internal budgetary resources.

These new mapping standards will apply to all new Form 1 applications received after the **1st June 2011**. In effect this means that all outstanding Form 2 and 3 applications may be submitted after this date indefinitely in existing formats e.g. map scale at 1:10560.

Registered Foresters may submit their applications now to the new standard and can provide feedback on these requirements before implementation date. All comments should be sent by email to Frank.Barrett@agriculture.gov.ie.

Yours Sincerely

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