



**Forest Service**



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## **Restrictions on Reconstitution Scheme**

You will appreciate that in the current budgetary climate all expenditure under the afforestation and support schemes must be subject to the most stringent control and value for money. Accordingly changes have been made to the Reconstitution Scheme, which are set out below, and you should note these carefully.

### *Reconstitution of Woodland Scheme*

- Reconstitution Scheme will be restructured with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009. **It is strongly recommended that forest owners insure their forest crops.**
- From June 1 2009 reconstitution will only be available for plantations that suffer from 'significant damage' due to frost, drought, deer, grey squirrel, vole, disease and insect damage. 'Significant damage' would mean death or irremediable damage of 30% or more of the trees in the relevant plantation covered by the one contract number. The reconstitution scheme will not cover any fire or wind damage occurring after 1 June 2009.
- Breakdown of costs must be provided in advance and costs must provide value for money.
- Non-reconstitution of a damaged plantation is a breach of contract i.e. failure to adequately maintain the plantation to the proper standards and repayment of all grants and premiums in any case where the plantation has not been reconstituted will be required.

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