

The disabilities related to one of those impairments shall be evaluated by a therapist specializing in the field of the impairment. In the absence of a specialized therapist or where care by such therapist is not required, such evaluation shall be made by a physician.

Where the Minister of Education has taken into account, for the purposes of the program it administers, a medical certificate attesting that a student suffers from a major functional deficiency within the meaning of the Regulation respecting financial assistance for students made by Order in Council 844-90 dated 20 June 1990, as it reads when it is applied, such student does not have to provide the documents required under the first and second paragraphs if he provides either the Régie, the group insurer or the manager of the employee benefit plan offering him coverage, a written consent authorizing him to obtain confirmation of his state from the ministère de l'Éducation.”.

5. This Regulation comes into force on 1 April 1997.

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M.O., 1997

Order number 9600538 of the Minister of Natural Resources dated March 11, 1997

Regulation respecting unit rates applicable to the calculation of dues for forest management permits for the supply of wood processing plants

WHEREAS under the third paragraph of section 5 of the Forest Act (R.S.Q., c. F-4.1), the Minister shall determine the unit rates for the classes of forest management permits for which the unit rates have not been determined by regulation of the Government;

WHEREAS under section 72 of that Act, the Minister shall determine the unit rate corresponding to the stumpage value according to the rules of calculation determined by regulation of the Government;

WHEREAS by Order in Council 372-87 dated 18 March 1987, the Government made the Regulation respecting forest royalties;

WHEREAS in accordance with sections 2 and 7 of that Regulation, it is expedient to establish the unit rates for the stumpage value applicable to the calculation of the dues payable by the holder of a forest management permit for the supply of a wood processing plant for the 1997-1998 fiscal year;

WHEREAS in accordance with sections 8 and 10 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), a draft of the Regulation attached to this Order was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 8 January 1997 with a notice that it could be made by the Minister upon the expiry of a 45-day period following that publication;

WHEREAS the 45-day period has expired;

WHEREAS under section 18 of that Act, a regulation may come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, or between that date and the date applicable under section 17 of that Act, where the authority that has made it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

WHEREAS under the same section, the reason justifying such coming into force shall be published with the regulation;

WHEREAS in the opinion of the Minister, the urgency due to the following circumstances justifies such coming into force:

— the Draft Regulation respecting unit rates applicable to the calculation of dues for forest management permits for the supply of wood processing plants is one of the elements that will make it possible to enforce the Regulation respecting forest royalties.

Section 2 of that Regulation prescribes in particular that “In order to determine a unit rate fixed by the Minister under section 72 of the Forest Act (R.S.Q., c. F-4.1), the stumpage value of standing timber shall be calculated on 1 April of each year in each forest tariffing zone, by species or group of species and quality of timber, according to the parity technique applicable in property assessment, by comparing the timber to similar timber for which the selling price is known.”.

For the effective application of the above provisions, the rates must be calculated on 1 April next and must be effective as of that date, a deadline that the Minister could not meet were he to comply fully with the time period for coming into force provided for in the Regulations Act.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation with amendments;

THEREFORE, the Regulation respecting unit rates applicable to the calculation of dues for forest management permits for the supply of wood processing plants, attached to this Order in Council, is made.

Charlesbourg, March 11, 1997

GUY CHEVRETTE,
*Minister of State for
Natural Resources*

Regulation respecting unit rates applicable to the calculation of dues for forest management permits for the supply of wood processing plants

Forest Act

(R.S.Q., c. F-4.1, ss. 5 and 72)

1. The unit rates for stumpage in forests in the public domain set out in Schedule I shall be indexed on 1 April, 1 August and 1 December 1997 in accordance with the performance of the price indexes for the forest products specified in Schedule II. The index rates per species, group of species and quality shall be calculated in accordance with the following formulas:

Index rate at at 1 April 1997	=	Average price index for the months of October, November and December 1996 and January 1997

		Average price index for the months of April 1995 to March 1996;
Index rate at 1 August 1997	=	Average price index for the months of February, March, April and May 1997

		Average price index for the months of April 1995 to March 1996
Index rate at 1 December 1997	=	Average price index for the months of June, July, August and September 1997

		Average price index for the months of April 1995 to March 1996

The amounts thus indexed shall apply, in each forest tariffing zone indicated in Schedule I, to the calculation of the dues payable by the holder of a forest management permit for the supply of a wood processing plant for the 4-month period following the date of indexing.

The amounts indexed in the manner prescribed in the first paragraph shall be reduced to the nearest fraction of \$0.10/m³ where they contain a fraction less than \$0.025/m³. They shall be rounded off to the nearest fraction of \$0.05/m³ where they contain a fraction equal to or greater than \$0.025/m³ but less than \$0.075/m³ and shall be increased to the nearest fraction of \$0.10/m³ where they contain a fraction equal to or greater than \$0.075/m³.

The Minister of Natural Resources shall inform the public, through Part I of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* and, where he considers it appropriate, by any other means, of the indexing calculated under this section.

2. This Regulation replaces the Regulation respecting unit rates applicable to the calculation of dues for forest management permits for the supply of wood processing plants, made by Minister's Order 9600137 of the Minister of Natural Resources, dated 10 July 1996 and published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 24 July 1996.

3. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

SCHEDULE 1

(s. 1)

REFERENCE UNIT RATES FOR STUMPAGE IN FORESTS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN BY FOREST TARIFFING ZONE FOR THE 1997-1998 FISCAL YEAR

Species	Quality*	Stumpage (\$/m ³)															
		Zones															
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Fir, spruce, jack pine, tamarack	A	18,04	16,11	12,79	12,86	14,12	12,79	3,85	3,85	9,71	11,46	11,60	12,95	14,04	17,19	20,23	18,84
	B	17,55	16,11	12,22	11,36	14,12	8,98	3,08	3,08	5,70	11,46	11,60	10,57	12,85	16,78	18,43	14,28
White pine	B	11,63	7,91	7,59	7,60	7,59	7,59	2,24	2,24	13,59	13,86	13,11	11,37	11,17	10,05	10,54	9,96
Red pine	A	20,98	14,10	12,81	12,84	12,81	12,81	12,81	12,81	21,57	21,66	20,09	16,75	17,07	15,05	15,33	15,02
	B	8,22	5,66	5,66	5,66	5,66	5,66	5,66	5,66	9,74	9,84	9,43	8,57	8,42	7,65	8,03	7,74
Hemlock, cedar	B	3,62	2,83	2,54	2,55	2,54	2,54	0,89	0,89	3,53	3,57	3,12	2,14	2,42	2,01	2,06	2,08
White pine, red pine, hemlock, cedar	C	3,32	2,59	2,54	2,54	2,54	2,54	0,89	0,89	3,40	3,39	2,98	2,14	2,42	2,01	2,06	2,08
Oak, cherry, walnut	A	25,38	21,00	21,00	20,78	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	35,10	36,29	32,11	21,00	24,05	21,00	21,00	21,00
	B	11,90	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	17,30	17,93	15,76	9,97	10,63	8,28	7,96	7,91
Yellow birch, basswood	A	21,03	10,69	6,86	6,87	6,86	6,86	6,53	6,53	21,48	22,08	20,06	14,97	16,33	15,31	15,54	14,44
	B	10,01	5,44	5,23	5,23	5,23	5,23	3,16	3,16	10,43	10,63	9,78	8,05	7,89	7,26	7,37	6,86
White birch, maple, ash, elm, ironwood	A	19,51	10,63	10,74	10,74	10,74	10,74	3,17	3,17	20,34	20,74	18,56	13,71	14,87	13,90	13,98	13,18
	B	6,63	4,33	3,65	3,67	3,65	3,65	1,10	1,10	4,75	4,76	4,29	3,52	3,53	3,36	3,41	3,32
Poplar/Aspen	B	2,81	2,13	1,60	1,61	1,60	1,60	0,51	0,51	2,46	2,43	2,17	1,83	1,87	1,83	1,84	1,77
	C	1,49	1,28	1,21	1,22	1,21	1,21	0,47	0,47	1,34	1,31	1,24	1,16	1,25	1,13	1,22	1,20
Other hardwoods	B	4,00	3,13	3,06	3,06	3,06	3,06	1,09	1,09	4,11	4,10	3,61	2,58	2,92	2,43	2,50	2,44
All hardwoods (except poplar/ aspen)	C	4,00	3,13	3,06	3,06	3,06	3,06	1,09	1,09	4,11	4,10	3,61	2,58	2,92	2,43	2,50	2,44
	D	2,73	2,13	2,08	2,09	2,08	2,08	0,75	0,75	2,80	2,79	2,46	1,76	1,99	1,65	1,70	1,66

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SCHEDULE 1

(s. 1)

REFERENCE UNIT RATES FOR STUMPAGE IN FORESTS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN BY FOREST TARIFFING ZONE FOR THE 1997-1998 FISCAL YEAR

		Stumpage (\$/m ³)															
		Zones															
Species	Quality*	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Fir, spruce, jack pine, tamarack	A	15,73	9,18	9,11	7,48	3,08	10,71	9,03	7,16	6,27	3,08	16,64	13,47	10,66	20,25	17,69	13,81
	B	14,41	9,18	6,99	6,39	3,08	10,60	8,13	3,08	5,29	3,08	15,64	13,47	10,66	20,25	15,30	13,81
White pine	B	9,56	4,62	5,87	4,85	1,80	6,80	5,79	5,45	4,03	1,72	15,04	14,14	11,72	14,00	12,81	11,15
Red pine	A	14,79	12,81	12,88	12,81	12,81	13,35	12,81	12,81	12,81	12,81	24,79	22,41	18,83	24,63	23,48	19,23
	B	7,39	5,66	5,73	5,66	5,66	6,12	5,66	5,66	5,66	5,66	10,67	10,03	8,72	10,41	9,87	8,55
Hemlock, cedar	B	2,02	1,79	2,20	1,88	0,76	1,85	1,58	2,12	1,58	0,73	4,22	3,72	2,89	4,27	4,02	3,12
White pine, red pine, hemlock, cedar	C	2,02	1,79	2,20	1,88	0,76	1,85	1,58	2,12	1,58	0,73	4,22	3,59	2,84	4,27	4,02	2,97
Oak, cherry, walnut	A	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	39,37	37,00	28,39	35,56	34,82	29,07
	B	8,30	7,52	7,53	7,52	7,52	7,74	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	19,45	18,28	13,63	17,27	16,94	13,67
Yellow birch, basswood	A	14,50	6,53	6,79	6,53	6,53	8,71	6,53	6,53	6,53	6,53	24,28	22,60	17,80	24,65	21,57	17,40
	B	6,88	3,16	3,28	3,16	3,16	4,18	3,16	3,16	3,16	3,16	12,55	11,08	8,46	11,97	10,24	8,26
White birch, maple, ash, elm, ironwood	A	13,32	6,03	7,62	6,32	2,48	8,95	7,25	7,69	5,29	2,37	24,59	21,65	16,37	23,40	19,87	15,97
	B	3,30	2,18	2,70	2,28	0,88	2,62	2,21	2,72	1,91	0,85	6,32	5,13	3,71	7,05	5,59	3,77
Poplar/Aspen	B	1,78	1,06	1,32	1,11	0,43	1,37	1,16	1,30	0,93	0,41	3,44	2,67	1,94	3,53	2,89	2,02
	C	1,10	0,83	1,01	0,87	0,38	0,94	0,83	1,15	0,74	0,37	1,59	1,38	1,27	1,64	1,62	1,33
Other hardwoods	B	2,38	1,71	2,06	1,78	0,84	2,02	1,82	2,48	1,53	0,81	5,09	4,33	3,42	5,16	4,85	3,58
All hardwoods (except poplar/ aspen)	C	2,38	1,71	2,06	1,78	0,84	2,02	1,82	2,48	1,53	0,81	5,09	4,33	3,42	5,16	4,85	3,58
	D	1,62	1,16	1,40	1,21	0,57	1,38	1,24	1,69	1,04	0,55	3,47	2,95	2,33	3,52	3,31	2,44

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(s. 1)

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		Stumpage (\$/m ³)															
		Zones															
Species	Quality*	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
Fir, spruce, jack pine, tamarack	A	11,08	18,86	17,23	15,91	13,13	14,52	14,54	15,83	16,12	18,34	15,96	12,97	11,75	10,33	9,06	4,54
	B	9,82	18,86	14,31	15,91	11,34	11,82	12,38	15,83	12,91	18,34	15,96	12,97	6,03	10,33	9,06	3,08
White pine	B	10,55	12,79	12,18	7,03	7,03	8,39	8,74	8,17	8,90	8,14	7,82	6,51	7,75	5,94	5,80	3,57
Red pine	A	16,72	23,45	22,45	13,84	13,84	13,13	12,81	16,04	16,79	15,02	14,70	13,04	13,84	12,81	12,81	12,81
	B	7,95	9,86	9,45	5,87	5,87	6,00	5,87	7,09	7,34	6,63	6,37	5,71	6,47	5,66	5,66	5,66
Hemlock, cedar	B	2,40	4,01	3,84	2,50	2,50	2,75	2,75	3,10	2,93	2,41	2,35	2,00	1,72	1,50	2,43	1,54
White pine, red pine, hemlock, cedar	C	2,39	4,01	3,77	1,68	1,68	2,75	2,75	2,87	2,82	2,38	2,15	2,00	1,72	1,50	2,43	1,54
Oak, cherry, walnut	A	24,38	34,85	33,64	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	22,84	24,37	21,00	22,07	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00
	B	10,97	16,96	16,13	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	8,78	9,81	7,52	8,25	7,52	8,08	7,52	7,52	7,52
Yellow birch, basswood	A	16,25	21,46	20,34	12,53	12,53	14,01	13,77	16,01	15,19	13,12	12,41	7,88	11,13	6,53	6,53	6,53
	B	7,71	10,18	9,65	5,94	5,94	6,71	6,61	7,61	7,24	6,28	5,92	3,79	5,30	3,16	3,16	3,16
White birch, maple, ash, elm, ironwood	A	14,91	19,77	18,71	11,45	11,45	12,94	12,75	14,71	13,96	12,10	11,54	9,02	10,74	7,33	8,56	5,28
	B	3,47	5,53	5,11	2,65	2,65	4,16	4,11	4,62	4,03	3,63	3,16	2,79	2,74	2,18	3,10	1,92
Poplar/Aspen	B	1,86	2,87	2,68	1,44	1,44	1,72	1,69	2,06	1,95	1,74	1,60	1,44	1,49	1,17	1,49	0,93
	C	1,15	1,62	1,56	0,93	0,93	1,19	1,22	1,17	1,23	1,12	1,05	1,06	0,92	0,80	1,37	0,86
Other hardwoods	B	2,87	4,84	4,55	2,02	2,02	3,33	3,34	3,46	3,40	2,86	2,59	2,42	2,08	1,83	2,94	1,87
All hardwoods (except poplar/ aspen)	C	2,87	4,84	4,55	2,02	2,02	3,33	3,34	3,46	3,40	2,86	2,59	2,42	2,08	1,83	2,94	1,87
	D	1,96	3,30	3,10	1,38	1,38	2,27	2,28	2,36	2,31	1,95	1,76	1,65	1,42	1,25	2,01	1,27

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SCHEDULE 1

(s. 1)

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Species	Quality*	Stumpage (\$/m ³)																
		Zones																
		49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	99
Fir, spruce, jack pine, tamarack	A	15,28	11,72	12,88	9,68	5,60	4,08	15,72	12,65	13,54	10,92	7,12	4,26	5,03	3,35	3,08	5,87	3,08
	B	14,88	11,72	12,88	9,39	3,29	3,08	15,72	12,65	13,54	10,92	6,69	3,54	3,08	3,08	3,08	3,08	5,87
White pine	B	8,25	7,68	7,10	6,63	3,10	1,70	8,73	8,69	8,71	7,03	5,32	3,40	2,07	2,45	1,96	3,79	1,17
Red pine	A	14,36	12,81	12,83	12,81	12,81	12,81	12,87	12,81	12,81	12,81	12,81	12,81	12,81	12,81	12,81	12,81	12,81
	B	6,39	5,67	5,66	5,66	5,66	5,66	5,88	5,67	5,66	5,66	5,66	5,66	5,66	5,66	5,66	5,66	5,66
Hemlock, cedar	B	2,46	2,18	1,98	1,88	1,13	0,75	2,73	2,51	2,50	2,11	1,61	1,17	0,73	0,91	0,85	1,34	0,53
White pine, red pine, hemlock, cedar	C	2,46	2,18	1,98	1,88	1,13	0,75	2,73	2,51	2,50	2,11	1,61	1,17	0,73	0,91	0,85	1,34	0,53
Oak, cherry, walnut	A	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00
	B	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52	7,52
Yellow birch, basswood	A	13,12	9,99	9,15	8,12	6,53	6,53	13,58	11,14	10,96	8,47	7,20	6,53	6,53	6,53	6,53	6,53	6,53
	B	6,29	4,83	4,43	3,93	3,16	3,16	6,52	5,39	5,31	4,10	3,49	3,16	3,16	3,16	3,16	3,16	3,16
White birch, maple, ash, elm, ironwood	A	12,12	9,43	8,54	8,02	4,18	2,46	12,60	10,72	10,59	8,72	6,61	4,45	2,70	3,29	2,81	5,00	1,69
	B	3,72	3,08	2,79	2,64	1,46	0,90	4,06	3,52	3,49	2,89	2,20	1,51	0,92	1,13	1,04	1,70	0,65
Poplar/Aspen	B	1,71	1,38	1,29	1,27	0,67	0,43	1,68	1,49	1,47	1,25	0,97	0,67	0,42	0,51	0,48	0,76	0,31
	C	1,14	1,04	0,94	0,90	0,59	0,40	1,22	1,21	1,21	1,07	0,81	0,61	0,37	0,46	0,44	0,70	0,28
Other hardwoods	B	2,97	2,63	2,38	2,27	1,36	0,90	3,30	3,02	3,00	2,55	1,94	1,42	0,88	1,10	1,04	1,62	0,65
All hardwoods (except poplar/aspen)	C	2,97	2,63	2,38	2,27	1,36	0,90	3,30	3,02	3,00	2,55	1,94	1,42	0,88	1,10	1,04	1,62	0,65
	D	2,02	1,79	1,62	1,54	0,93	0,61	2,25	2,06	2,05	1,73	1,32	0,97	0,60	0,75	0,71	1,10	0,44

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SCHEDULE II

PRICE INDEXES PER SPECIES, GROUP OF SPECIES AND QUALITY

Species and groups of species	Quality¹	Price index²	Reference price index³
FIR, SPRUCE, JACK PINE, TAMARACK	A	Preserved or treated wood (D691527)	158.4
	B	Lumber and pulp and paper index, softwood: Lumber, softwood, Québec (D692870; 75.6 %) Newsprint paper (D691618; 12.4 %) Paper board (D693067; 2.0 %) Woodpulp, sulphate, bleached, domestic (D691604; 6.9 %) Other paper for printing (D691621; 3.1 %)	100.0
WHITE PINE	B	White pine (Eastern Quotes and Comments)	763
RED PINE	A	Preserved or treated wood (D691527)	158.4
	B	White pine (Eastern Quotes and Comments)	763
HEMLOCK, CEDAR	B	Lumber, softwood, Québec (D692870)	128.2
WHITE PINE, RED PINE, HEMLOCK, CEDAR	C	Pulp and paper index, softwood: Newsprint paper (D691618; 1.8 %) Paper board (D693067; 1.5 %) Woodpulp, sulphate, bleached, domestic (D691604; 94.9 %) Other paper for printing (D691621; 1.8 %)	100.0
OAK, CHERRY, WALNUT	A	Veneer and plywood, hardwood (D691529)	147.7
	B	Lumber, hardwood (D691502)	104.7
YELLOW BIRCH, BASSWOOD	A	Veneer and plywood, hardwood (D691529)	147.7
	B	Lumber, hardwood (D691502)	104.7
WHITE BIRCH, MAPLE, ASH, ELM, IRONWOOD	A	Veneer and plywood, hardwood (D691529)	147.7
	B	Lumber, hardwood (D691502)	104.7
POPLAR/ASPEN	B	Poplar/Aspen index: Veneer and plywood, hardwood (D691529; 13.0 %) Waferboard OSB (Random Lengths; 45.6 %) Pallets (D691568; 41.4 %)	100.0
	C	Waferboard OSB (Random Lengths)	154.0
OTHER HARDWOODS	B	Lumber, hardwood (D691502)	104.7

Species and groups of species	Quality ¹	Price index ²	Reference price index ³
ALL HARDWOODS (EXCEPT POPLAR/ASPEN)	C	Lumber, hardwood (D691502)	104.7
	D	Pulp and paper index, hardwood Newsprint paper (D691618; 0.8 %) Paper board (D693067; 11.0 %) Woodpulp, sulphate, bleached, domestic (D691604; 73.0 %) Other paper for printing (D691621; 15.2 %)	100.0

¹ The letters A, B, C and D correspond respectively to the superior, intermediate and inferior quality levels determined on the basis of the assessment of cuts according to species, diameter, length and imperfections observed on crosscuts and trunks.

² The source of the price indexes and the relative weight of each are indicated in parentheses. The price indexes from Statistics Canada are indicated according to the Cansim number appearing in catalogue 62-011.

³ The reference price index corresponds to the average of the price indexes calculated between 1 April 1995 and 31 March 1996. The weighting for the composite index Poplar/Aspen, Quality B, is preliminary. The final result will be printed in the Regulation of March 1997.

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Order number 9600537 of the Minister of Natural Resources respecting the value of silvicultural treatments

Forest Act
(R.S.Q., c. F-4.1, ss. 73.1 and 73.3)

1. The silvicultural treatments described in Schedule I shall be admitted as payment of the dues prescribed by the Minister responsible for the administration of the Forest Act for the 1997-1998 fiscal year.

2. The values of such silvicultural treatments are those established in Schedule II.

3. This Minister's Order replaces Minister's Order 9501399 of the Minister of Natural Resources, published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 27 March 1996.

4. This Minister's Order of the Minister of Natural Resources comes into force on 1 April 1997.

GUY CHEVRETTE,
*Minister of State
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SCHEDULE I

(s. 1)

SILVICULTURAL TREATMENTS ADMITTED FOR THE 1997-1998 FISCAL YEAR

DIVISION I ALL FOREST AREAS

1. Site preparation: site preparation consists of any of the following five operations:

(1) scarification: loosening the soil to promote natural or artificial regeneration of desired species of trees;

(2) clearing: windrowing or piling non-commercial ligneous matter to facilitate the planting of seedlings or the passage of a scarifier;

(3) winter shear-blading: clearing frozen ground with a shear-blade-equipped tractor in order to eliminate all vegetation and remove excessively thick organic matter;

(4) ploughing and harrowing: loosening the soil by means of a plough and a harrow to promote the planting of tolerant hardwoods or hybrid poplars;

(5) prescribed burning: intentional burning of forest fuels left lying in a forest management area after the felling of commercial timber carried out in weather conditions that enable fire to spread freely within the selected area.