

**Draft Minister's Order**

Forest Act  
(R.S.Q., c. F-4.1; 2005, c. 3 and 44)

**Value of silvicultural treatments**

Notice is thereby given that the Order of the Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife respecting the value of silvicultural treatments admitted as payment of dues for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the text of which appears below, may be edicted, with or without amendment, at the expiry of 20 days following this publication.

Any person having comments to make on this matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 20-day period, to Mrs. Paule Têtu, Associate Deputy Minister to Forêt Québec, Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune, 880, chemin Sainte-Foy, 10<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 4X4.

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**Order respecting the value of silvicultural treatments admitted as payment of dues for the fiscal year 2006-2007**

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 (R.S.Q., c. F-4.1), modified by chapter 3 and 44 of the law of 2005, as determined by the production priority groups described in Schedule I.

The silvicultural treatments are realized on the forest area where the priority production has to be performed.

**2.** The silvicultural treatments mentioned in Schedule I and their admissibility criterias are defined in the relative instructions to the application of the present Order.

**3.** The values admitted as payment of dues for the 2006-2007 fiscal year correspond at 90% of the values established in Schedule II.

**4.** The values of the silvicultural treatments established in Schedule II do cover only the costs related to the execution of the treatments. Consequently, the costs not related to their execution, as described in the second subsection of section 11 of the Regulation respecting forest royalties, edicted by Order in Council 192-2002 of February 28th 2002, are to be assumed by the beneficiary of the timber licence and are not admitted as payment of dues.

**5.** This Minister's Order replaces Minister's Order AM 2005-009 of the Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife, dated 23 March 2005.

**6.** This Minister's Order comes into force on 1 April 2006.

**SCHEDULE I**

(a. 1)

**SILVICULTURAL TREATMENTS ADMISSIBLE BY PRODUCTION PRIORITY GROUPS**

Silvicultural treatments	Production priority groups													
	Fir, spruce, jack pine, tamarack	Thuja	Poplar	White birch	Birch1 or Oak or intermediary tol. hard.	Pine	Maple or tsuga or tol. hard.	Pine-Birch (Pine) <sup>1</sup>	Pin-Bou (Bou) <sup>1</sup>	Mixed S-int.hard. (S) or S-int.hard. (hard.)	Mixed S-Birch (S) <sup>1</sup> or S. intermediary tol.hard	Mixed S-Birch (hard.) <sup>1</sup> or S-intermediary tol. hard.	Mixed S-Maple (S) or S-tol.hard. (S)	Mixed S-Maple (hard.) or S-int.hard. (hard.)
Progressive seed cutting	X <sup>4</sup>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Seedlings reserve cutting	X <sup>4</sup>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Strip cutting with regeneration and soil protection	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Drainage	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Site preparation	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X			
Planting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X			
Natural regeneration reinforcement planting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pine seeding	X					X		X	X					
Mechanical release	X	X				X		X		X <sup>5</sup>	X		X	
Precommercial thinning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Phytosanitary pruning	X					X		X	X					
Commercial thinning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fertilization	X													
Selection cutting		X						X						X
Selection and sanitation cutting		X						X						X
Preselection cutting								X						X
Preselection and sanitation cutting								X						X
Selection cutting for maple sap and wood production							X <sup>2</sup>							
Selection cutting by patches					X				X			X		
Selection cutting and sanitation by patches					X				X			X		

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Selection and regeneration cutting by parquets					X			X			X		
Selection cutting for single tree and group of trees					X						X		
Selection cutting and sanitation for single tree and group of trees					X						X		
Individual selective thinning					X								
Commercial thinning mixed stands S-Birch (hard.) with fir												X <sup>3</sup>	
Spreading commercial thinning					X						X		
Improvement cutting		X											
Enrichment planting					X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X

1. For these priority productions, the yellow birch prevails over the white birch as the principal objective species.

2. For the priority production group maple, selection cutting for maple sap and wood production is possible.

3. For the yellow birch mixed stands (fir) with hardwood dominance.

4. Except for jack pine.

5. For mixt S-intolerant hardwood only.

**SCHEDULE II**

(ss. 2, 3 and 4)

**VALUES OF SILVICULTURAL TREATMENTS  
ADMITTED AS PAYMENT OF DUES  
FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007****SITE PREPARATION (1)**

## Scarification

Anchor chains	\$130/ha
Shark-fin barrels and chains	\$370/ha
Hydraulic cone trenchers (Wadell type)	\$295/ha
Hydraulic disk trenchers (TTS hydraulic and Donaren types) or Rake scarifier (shark)	\$235/ha
Batch scarifier (Bracke) or disk trencher (TTS type)	\$170/ha
Batch scarifier moulder (Bracke moulder)	\$235/ha
“V” blade batch scarifier (Bracke) or disk trencher	\$465/ha
Cutter-type portable scarifier or forest mattock (2)	\$490/1 000 microsities

## Partial scarification in seed holes

Inside the patches	\$785/ha
Inside the parquets	\$680/ha
Inside the regeneration cuttings	\$600/ha

## Forest harrows (Rome et Crabe types)

Single pass	\$265/ha
Double pass	\$480/ha
36 inches harrow	\$585/ha
Létourneau tree crusher	\$415/ha

## Ploughing and harrowing

Forest plough (Lazure type) + forest harrow (Rome and Crabes types)	\$1 445/ha
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## Clearing

Rake-equipped crawler tractor	\$525/ha
Winter shear-blading with a shear-blade-equipped crawler tractor	\$535/ha
Grouping feller	\$420/ha
Rake equipped skidder	\$445/ha
Hydraulic rake	\$445/ha
Modified “V” blade models C and H	\$225/ha

Prescribed burning	\$445/ha
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**MECHANICAL RELEASE TREATMENT (2)**

Boreal zone	\$780/ha
Nordic temperated zone	\$875/ha

**PRECOMMERCIAL THINNING (2)**

Priority production of softwoods, of mixed  
predominantly softwood stands, of poplars  
and of mixed predominantly  
intolerant hardwoods stands

Value per hectare =  $472.68 \times \ln(ti/ha) - 3\ 653.85$

ln: base *e* logarithm

ti: number of trees of more than 1.2 meter for softwoods  
and 1.8 meter for hardwoods

ha: hectare

Priority production of tolerant hardwoods,  
of white birch, of mixed predominantly  
tolerant hardwood stands and of  
associations constituted of pines  
and birches

\$935/ha

**COMMERCIAL THINNING (3)**

Softwoods and mixed with softwood dominance

Value per hectare with marking of trees to fell  
=  $265.77 / (\text{average DBH harvested} \times 0.0414)^2$

Value per hectare without marking of trees to fell  
=  $265.77 / (\text{average DBH harvested} \times 0.0414)^2 - 153.43$

Mixed with tolerant and intolerant  
hardwoods (4) (5)

\$630/ha

Mixed with tolerant hardwoods  
– priority production yellow birch  
and softwoods with fir (5) (7)

\$395/ha

Tolerant and intolerant hardwoods (4) (5)  
White pine and red pine

\$330/ha  
\$325/ha

**DRAINAGE**

Cleared areas (without prior felling)

\$1.80/m or m<sup>3</sup>

Wooded areas (without prior felling)

\$2.00/m or m<sup>3</sup>

Wooded areas (with prior felling)

\$2.30/m or m<sup>3</sup>

**FERTILIZATION**

Softwoods

\$410/ha

**NATURAL REGENERATION FILL PLANTING  
AND RED PINE AND WHITE PINE PLANTING (2) (6)**

With site preparation

Bare-root seedlings  
Conventional size

\$260/1 000 seedlings

Large size

\$415/1 000 seedlings

Seedlings 1½ to 2 meters height  
(hybrid poplars)

\$640/1 000 seedlings

Container seedlings		ENRICHMENT AND REINFORCEMENT	
67-50	\$215/1 000 seedlings	PLANTING OF HARDWOODS	
45-110 or cuttings	\$225/1 000 seedlings	AND PINE (2)	\$580/1 000 seedlings
25-200	\$315/1 000 seedlings	SPREADING COMMERCIAL	
45-340 and 25-350-A	\$365/1 000 seedlings	THINNING (3) (5)	\$330/ha
Mini recipients 126-25	\$205/1 000 seedlings		
Without site preparation		INDIVIDUAL SELECTIVE THINNING (3) (5)	
Bare-root seedlings			
Conventional size	\$280/1 000 seedlings	Tolerant hardwood	\$395/ha
Large size	\$430/1 000 seedlings		
Container seedlings		IMPROVEMENT CUTTING (3) (5)	
67-50	\$230/1 000 seedlings		
45-110 or cuttings	\$240/1 000 seedlings	Softwoods (cedars)	\$315/ha
25-200	\$330/1 000 seedlings		
45-340 or 25-350-A	\$380/1 000 seedlings	SELECTION CUTTING (3) (5)	
Mini-recipients 126-50	\$220/1 000 seedlings		
PROGRESSIVE SEED CUTTING (3)		Tolerant hardwood	\$330/ha
		Mixed with tolerant hardwood	\$330/ha
Softwoods	\$590/ha	Softwoods (cedars)	\$315/ha
Mixed with tolerant and intolerant			
hardwoods (4)	\$345/ha	SELECTION CUTTING AND SANITATION (3) (5)	
Tolerant and intolerant hardwoods (4)	\$345/ha		
		Tolerant hardwood	\$330/ha
STRIP CUTTING WITH REGENERATION		Mixed with tolerant hardwood	\$330/ha
AND SOIL PROTECTION (3)	\$240/ha	Softwoods (cedars)	\$315/ha
PLANTING (2)		SELECTION CUTTING BY PATCHES (3) (5)	\$330/ha
With site preparation		SELECTION CUTTING AND SANITATION	
Bare-root seedlings		BY PATCHES (3) (5)	
Conventional size	\$240/1 000 seedlings		
Large size	\$390/1 000 seedlings	Tolerant hardwood	\$330/ha
Seedlings 1½ to 2 meters height		Mixed with tolerant hardwood	\$330/ha
(hybrid poplars)	\$615/1 000 seedlings	Mixed with tolerant hardwood and pines	\$330/ha
Container seedlings			
67-50	\$195/1 000 seedlings	SELECTION CUTTING FOR TREE	
45-110 or cuttings	\$200/1 000 seedlings	AND GROUP OF TREES (3) (5) (7)	
25-200	\$295/1 000 seedlings		
45-340 or 25-350-A	\$340/1 000 seedlings	Tolerant hardwood	\$330/ha
Mini-recipients 126-25	\$185/1 000 seedlings	Mixed with tolerant hardwood	\$330/ha
Without site preparation		SELECTION CUTTING AND SANITATION	
Bare-root seedlings		FOR TREE AND GROUP OF TREES (3) (5) (7)	
Conventional size	\$260/1 000 seedlings		
Large size	\$405/1 000 seedlings	Tolerant hardwood	\$330/ha
Container seedlings		Mixed with tolerant hardwood	\$330/ha
67-50	\$210/1 000 seedlings		
45-110 or cuttings	\$220/1 000 seedlings	SELECTION AND REGENERATION	
25-200	\$310/1 000 seedlings	CUTTING BY PARQUETS (3) (5)	\$310/ha
45-340 or 25-350-A	\$355/1 000 seedlings		
Mini-recipients 126-25	\$200/1 000 seedlings	SEEDLINGS RESERVE CUTTING	\$20/ha

## PRESELECTION CUTTING (3) (5)

Tolerant hardwood	\$330/ha
Mixed with tolerant hardwood	\$330/ha

## PRESELECTION CUTTING AND SANITATION (3) (5)

Tolerant hardwood	\$330/ha
Mixed with tolerant hardwood	\$330/ha

## PINE SEEDING

Aerial seeding	\$40/ha
Ground seeding	\$155/ha
Funnels	\$345/1 000 microsites seeded

SELECTION CUTTING FOR MAPLE SAP  
AND WOOD PRODUCTION (3) (5)

\$400/ha

## PHYTOSANITARY PRUNING

\$450/ha

(1) The value admitted as payment of dues can be increased by 2.6% when the silvicultural treatments are realized from forest camps whose admissibility criterias are defined in the relative instructions to the application of the present order.

(2) The value admitted as payment of dues can be increased by 7.8% when the silvicultural treatments are realized from forest camps whose admissibility criterias are defined in the relative instructions to the application of the present order.

(3) The value admitted as payment of dues includes some harvesting, road construction, supervision or tree marking costs.

(4) The value admitted as payment of dues can be increased by \$60/ha when the marking of trees takes into account the trees to preserve.

(5) The value admitted as payment of dues is increased by \$30 when felling and skidding paths are flagged.

(6) Excluding fill planting with white and red pines and tolerant hardwoods.

(7) The admitted value can be increase by \$200/ha if valid patches according to official instructions was created during harvest operation.

Note: The expression "tolerant hardwoods" includes white pine and red pine.