NEW MANAGEMENT MEASURES

EXTRACTION MILLING EXPORT

Public Factsheet outlining the overall regulatory regime for the management of swamp kauri to help clarify the relative roles of central and local Government and the key elements of the legal frameworks in place.

Operators to voluntarily notify NRC ahead of any and all extraction activities commencing. This will provide an early opportunity for the Council to assess any site specific issues and whether the proposed extraction should be a permitted activity or if it would require a consent.

Create a swamp kauri specific milling statement application form in order to capture finer scale data (such as log volumes and log numbers) so as to improve traceability across the supply chain.

MPI and Customs to increase oversight of exports, including:

- export alerts on identified swamp kauri operators (and related companies);
- continue with existing alerts on all swamp kauri products; and
- ensuring there are appropriate export codes for finished manufactured indigenous timber products.

Operators to voluntarily notify NRC of the volume extracted to ensure regulators to have a greater oversight of the total volume of swamp kauri in the supply chain.

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Where possible MPI will inspect all extraction sites as part of the swamp kauri milling statement approval process in order to confirm salvage activities are consistent with the milling statement approval.

Operators to voluntarily notify finished products for export approval using the ITE form. MPI will inspect these products to ensure only finished products as defined by the Forests Act are exported.

MPI (through AsureQuality) to maintain 100 percent visual inspections on all product notified for export. As part of the inspection process additional information will be collected, including details of modified or declined export consignments, so as to ensure there is a stronger basis for public trust in export decisions reached.

Create a swamp kauri specific Intention to Export form.

Factsheet developed for operators to use in overseas markets on the export controls relating to swamp kauri to increase awareness amongst buyers.

Assist operators with appropriate text around advertising products in overseas markets to avoid confusion and the perception that products are not compliant with the legislation.

MPI will continue regular monitoring of trade listings and will take follow up action on listings that could be misleading or suggest non-compliance with export controls.

NRC, as part of their Plan review process and implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management is reviewing provisions relating to wetland management. In addition NRC will consider publishing information to ensure activities in sensitive environments are appropriately managed.

MPI to publish quarterly reports of regulatory activities under the Forests Act relating to swamp kauri (applications to mill, sawmill activity and exports) to increase transparency in order to lift public trust.

Updated factsheet for swamp kauri operators outlining the specific Forests Act requirements that must be met for the milling and export of swamp kauri.

Additional MPI resource in Whangarei to increase MPI profile with the sector and the public, and to increase inspections of sawmills and export consignments.

Public release of all MPI swamp kauri OIAs from July 2012 to present so as to increase transparency on activities in order to lift public trust.





