

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland

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Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry on Alternative Measures to the  
Removal of Timber and Self-checking Notification  
(6/2014)

Section 1

- (1) If the owner of timber does not remove timber as laid down in section 3(2) of the Forest Damages Prevention Act the owner shall undertake one or some of the following measures to prevent any forest damages from spreading:
  - 1) pine timber is to be covered before the swarming of the common pine shoot beetle and spruce timber before the swarming of the European spruce bark beetle by a cover that prevents the insects from striking which must cover the whole upper surface of the pile and at least 50 centimetres of the sides and ends of the pile from the upper edge of the pile;
  - 2) timber is sprinkled with water for at least eight weeks using at least 50 millimetres of water per day starting not later than four weeks before the time limits for transporting timber away from the site laid down in the above-mentioned subsection;
  - 3) surface part to the thickness of 50 centimetres of a pine timber pile piled up before the swarming of the common pine shoot beetle is transported away from the forest as such or chipped not sooner than after the common pine shoot beetle has struck the timber and before the time limits for transporting pine timber away from the site laid down in the above-mentioned subsection;
  - 4) timber or trees in the surface part of the timber pile are debarked to the thickness of at least 50 centimetres and the debarked part is left on the top of the pile at least three weeks before the time limits for transporting timber away from the site laid down in the above-mentioned subsection;
  - 5) timber pile is treated with an approved plant protection product intended against striking of pests not later than when the pests are swarming;
  - 6) pine timber is placed, before the time limits for transporting timber away from the site, at the distances in Table 2 from a stand that has passed the seedling stage where more than 30 percent of the volume of the growing stock volume is pine;
  - 7) surface part of a pine timber pile is covered by a deciduous tree layer at least 50 centimetres thick or a layer composed of pine trees with no rough outer bark before the swarming of the common pine shoot beetle;
  - 8) spruce timber pile is covered by a deciduous tree layer at least 50 centimetres thick or a layer composed of pine trees with no rough outer bark before the swarming of the European spruce bark beetle;
  - 9) other measures are performed on the timber which have similar impacts in order that there is no significant spread of insects causing forest damages from the timber
- (2) Pine timber referred to in paragraph 6 of subsection 1 above shall be placed as specified in the table below:

Volume of pine timber storage site	Seed or shelter tree stand or young thinning stand	Other forest stand having passed the seedling stage
max 100 m <sup>3</sup>	200 m	100 m
over 100 m <sup>3</sup>	400 m	200 m

## Section 2

- (1) A self-checking notification of a professional operator shall contain at least the following information
- 1) name and contact information of the operator;
  - 2) name and contact information of the person responsible for self-checking and contact information of the party who gives further information;
  - 3) obligation concerned by the notification;
  - 4) type and amount of timber concerned by the notification;
  - 5) location of the timber concerned by the notification;
  - 6) account of the force majeure, circumstance or situation referred to in section 7 of the Forest Damages Prevention Act;
  - 7) opinion of the operator concerning the duration of the force majeure, situation or circumstance and its impact on the spreading of pests;
  - 8) account of the actions the operator intends to take on the matter.

## Section 3

- (1) This Decree enters into force on 15 January 2014
- (2) The provisions in force upon the entry into force of this Act apply to parts of trunks, felled pine or spruce timber, damaged trees and lifted stumps left from fellings done before the entry into force of this Decree.