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Approval of Stocking Standards

The Minister **must** approve the stocking standards if the Minister is satisfied that the standards will result in the area being stocked with ecologically suitable species that address immediate and long term forest health issues on the area, to a density or basal area that, in either case, is consistent with:

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- maintaining or enhancing an economically valuable supply of commercial timber; and
- the timber supply analysis and forest management assumptions that apply to the area—unless granted an exemption by the Minister of Forests

and the free-growing height is sufficient to demonstrate that the tree is adapted to the site, growing well, and can reasonably be expected to continue to do so.

If the above test is not met, the Minister **may** approve the stocking standards if satisfied that the regeneration date and stocking standards are reasonable having regard for the future timber supply for the area.

The Minister can request additional information related to the factors used in developing the stocking standards.