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Dear Clients:

The ministry last updated its *Surplus Seed Prices* and *Cone and Seed Services Fee Schedule* in 1998 and 1993, respectively. Increased operating costs (primarily due to inflation), better cost accounting data, increased variety of goods and services offered, delineation of the ministry's stewardship mandate and ancillary services, and government's policy of recovering 100% of associated delivery costs warrant a revision to these fee schedules at this time.

On June 18, 2003, cabinet approved a revised *Cone and Seed Fee Schedule*. This schedule comes into effect on July 1, 2003 and replaces the ministry's existing *Surplus Seed Price* and *Cone and Seed Service Fees* schedules.

The revised *Cone and Seed Fee Schedule* is posted at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hti/index.htm>. The ministry's surplus seed orchard seed prices now reflect the total production costs incurred over the lifetime of the orchard. Costs not accounted for in the past have been included using generally accepted accounting principles. Seed prices for several new seed orchard species (Sitka spruce, western white pine and western redcedar) have also been added to the list.

Prices for natural stand seed have not changed since 1993. They have been increased to reflect rate of inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), since that time. Average percent germination for both orchard and natural stand seed has been updated, and will be adjusted periodically as required.

Fees associated with the legislated requirements to register and store seed with the ministry have been waived. Clients will no longer be charged for the testing, withdrawal and shipping of seed used to meet reforestation obligations.

Fees for ancillary cone and seed services (cone processing, seed extraction, and customer initiated seed testing and preparation) were last updated in 1993. These fees have been



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revised to reflect the average delivery costs for the past 3 years and the services currently offered at the Tree Seed Centre.

Notice of the ministry's intent to amend its fees was communicated to BC Timber Sales and Forest Genetics Council in March 2003. Internal government review and approval processes delayed communicating the actual fee increases to clients until now. We apologize for any inconveniences resulting from this late notification.

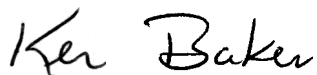
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