

Introduction

This manual is an update of the manual prepared in 1992 by the USDA Forest Service Cooperative Forestry staff in Portland OR. Much of the material remains the same. What has changed is the OECD scheme. In 2007 a new scheme was adopted for forest reproductive materials by the OECD. The new scheme, for the present, only recognizes two categories: *Source-identified* and *Selected*. Both of these are defined on the OECD website (<http://www.oecd.org/agr/forest>). Basically the *Selected* is a stand of trees that has good form, apparently good growth rate, and is healthy. It has all the indications of being adapted material for the site it is growing on. *Source identified*, however, could be any trees as long as the source is identified. In the terminology of the Forest Reproductive Material Certification Standards Oregon-Washington, both categories would be *Source identified*. The *Selected* OECD category is not the same as the *Selected* classes of the Oregon-Washington standards. However, there are points of concurrence between the two schemes. When Oregon-Washington *Source Identified Subclass A* material is taken from an OECD designated *Selected* stand, it can be certified as OECD *Selected*. Either Oregon-Washington *Source Identified Subclass A* or *Subclass B* can be certified as OECD source identified. Initially the OECD *Selected* will apply only to Douglas fir coming from the stands identified in the 1988 report “Douglas Fir Seed Sources Field Inspection Washington-Oregon” and the 1991 report “Douglas Fir Seed Sources Field Inspection Northern Washington” done by the Commission of the European Communities. Copies of these two reports will be added later to this manual. Additional species and stands can be added in the future.

The following table shows the points of concurrence between Oregon-Washington Standards and the 2007 OECD Scheme for the Certification of Forest Reproductive Material Moving In International Trade.

Seeds Collected Under Oregon-Washington Standards	Source of seeds	OECD Scheme Category
Source Identified Subclass A	OECD Selected stand	Selected
Source Identified Subclass B	OECD Selected stand	Source Identified
Source Identified Subclass A	Not from an OECD Selected stand	Source Identified
Source Identified Subclass B	Not from an OECD Selected stand	Source Identified