

TASMANIA

FOREST MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS 2019
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I, the Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Forest Management Act 2013*.

Dated 16 July 2019.

C. WARNER
Governor

By Her Excellency's Command,

GUY BARNETT
Minister for Resources

1. Short title

These regulations may be cited as the *Forest Management Regulations 2019*.

2. Commencement

These regulations take effect on 26 August 2019.

3. Interpretation

In these regulations –

Act means the *Forest Management Act 2013*.

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4. Copy of prescribed specifications in force immediately before commencement of *Forest Management Act 2013*

- (1) For illustration purposes only, a copy of the prescribed specifications in force immediately before the commencement of the Act is set out in Schedule 1.
- (2) Section 16(1)(a) of the Act requires that each year the Forest Manager must make available, for the veneer and sawmilling industries, a minimum aggregate quantity of eucalypt veneer logs and eucalypt sawlogs, from permanent timber production zone land, that meets the prescribed specifications that were in force immediately before the commencement of the Act.

**SCHEDULE 1 – COPY OF PRESCRIBED
SPECIFICATIONS IN FORCE IMMEDIATELY
BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF *FOREST
MANAGEMENT ACT 2013***

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**PART 1 – SPECIFICATIONS FOR TIMBERS FOR THE
MANUFACTURE OF VENEERS**

Division 1 – Eucalypt – veneer quality 1

Item	Requirement	Logs	Flitches
1.	Species	<i>E.regnans</i> preferred but other light colour species acceptable	As for logs
2.	Colour	Pale, at least “oak” colour	As for logs
3.	Diameter	Minimum end-diameter under bark (u.b.) of 45cm	Minimum diameter of 15cm by 15cm
4.	Length	Minimum length of 260cm	As for logs
5.	Split sections	260cm length for 45cm log radius	Not applicable
6.	Condition	Bark off and end greased	Covered and end greased
7.	Shape	Flared or fluted butts acceptable Occluded bark not acceptable Log shape not critical	Accurately dimensioned
8.	Heart	Can be off-centre	Not acceptable

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Item	Requirement	Logs	Flitches
9.	Radial split	Acceptable if flitches of 15cm by 15cm can be sawn from the log	Not acceptable
10.	Spiral grain	1:35 or 7.5cm in a minimum 260cm length	Not acceptable
11.	Sweeps or bends	Not acceptable in any veneer billet	Not acceptable
12.	Knots	One knot per 260cm length acceptable, the diameter of the knot to be no greater than 20% of the log diameter	Not acceptable
13.	Pin holes	Not acceptable	Not acceptable
14.	Gum	Acceptable only near heart and sap	Not acceptable
15.	Hob nail	Not acceptable	Not acceptable
16.	Shatter	Not acceptable	Not acceptable

Division 2 – Eucalypt – veneer quality 2

Any complete log which does not meet the specifications for logs set out in Division 1 but which contains at least one 25cm by 25cm flitch meeting the specifications for flitches set out in that Division.

PART 2 – SAWLOG SPECIFICATIONS

1. Eucalypt – Category 1 (*First-grade mature-timber sawlog*):

(a) minimum dimensions –

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- (i) length – 360cm;
- (ii) diameter – 40cm;
- (b) permissible defects –
 - (i) end-defect limit – as specified in Part 3 of this Schedule;
 - (ii) limbs and bumps (not including epicormic growth) – one significant limb or bump per 300cm of length;
 - (iii) spiral grain – not exceeding 25cm circumferential displacement per 200cm of length (one in eight);
 - (iv) scars (open or overgrown) – a total length of scar or scars not exceeding 200cm per 360cm of log length, provided that the wood adjoining the scar is sound or has surface rot only and is not badly affected by borers;
 - (v) sweep – not exceeding 1/7 of mid-diameter under bark (u.b.) in any 240cm length;
- (c) specification (split logs) – log sections 360cm long or greater, split from a log with a small-end diameter exceeding 60cm (minimum cross-sectional area of flitch 40cm by 30cm) and which yield a

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minimum sawn flitch 15cm by 15cm free of heart, sap and defect;

- (d) specification (sawn flitches) –
 - (i) half and quarter logs sawn from a log meeting the minimum dimension and having permissible defects meeting paragraph (b)(i), (ii), (iii) and (v) above;
 - (ii) sawn flitches with a minimum length of 240cm and minimum section of 15cm by 15cm and meeting paragraph (b)(iii) above.

2. Eucalypt – Category 2 (*Logs*):

- (a) minimum dimensions –
 - (i) length – 2.4 metres (plus allowable overcut);
 - (ii) small-end diameter – 30cm –
provided that logs do not contain Category 1 and 3 logs;
- (b) permissible defects –
 - (i) end-defect limit – as specified in Part 3 of this Schedule;
 - (ii) limbs and bumps (not including epicormic growth) – no more

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- than two significant limbs or
bumps per 2.4 metres of length;
- (iii) spiral grain – not exceeding 25cm circumferential displacement per 200cm of length;
 - (iv) scars (open or overgrown) – a total length of scar or scars not exceeding 240cm per 240cm of log length, provided that the wood adjoining the scar is sound or has surface rot only and is not badly affected by borers;
 - (v) sweep – not exceeding 1/7 of the mid-diameter under bark (u.b.) in any 240cm length;
- (c) specification (split logs) – log sections 240cm long or greater (plus allowable overcut), which yield a minimum sawn flitch 15cm by 15cm end section free of heart, sap and defect;
- (d) specification (allowable overcut) –
- (i) for logs not exceeding 5.4 metres in length – the allowable overcut is 10cm;
 - (ii) for logs exceeding 5.4 metres in length – the allowable overcut is 20cm.

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- 3.** Eucalypt – Category 3 (*First-grade regrowth sawlog*):
- (a) minimum dimensions –
 - (i) length – 360cm;
 - (ii) diameter – 30cm under bark (u.b.);
 - (b) permissible defects for log sections not exceeding 40cm under bark (u.b.) – nil;
 - (c) permissible defects for log sections exceeding 40cm under bark (u.b.) –
 - (i) end-defect limit – as specified in Part 3 of this Schedule;
 - (ii) limbs and bumps (not including epicormic growth) – one significant limb or bump per 300cm of length;
 - (iii) spiral grain – not exceeding 25cm circumferential displacement per 200cm of length (one in eight);
 - (iv) scars (open or overgrown) – a total length of scar or scars not exceeding 200cm per 360cm of log length, provided that the wood adjoining the scar is sound, or has surface rot only, and is not badly affected by borers;

- (v) sweep – not exceeding 1/7 of mid-diameter under bark (u.b.) in any 240cm length;
- (d) specification (split logs) – log sections 360cm long or greater, split from a log with small-end diameter exceeding 60cm (minimum cross-sectional area of flitch 40cm by 30cm) and which yield a minimum sawn flitch 15cm by 15cm free of heart, sap and defect;
- (e) specification (sawn flitches) –
 - (i) half and quarter logs sawn from a log meeting the minimum dimension and having permissible defects meeting paragraph (c)(i), (ii), (iii) and (v) above;
 - (ii) sawn flitches with a minimum length of 240cm and minimum section of 15cm by 15cm and meeting paragraph (c)(iii) above;
- (f) unacceptable defect – severe end-splitting (flying).

4. Eucalypt–Category 8 (*Logs*):

- (a) minimum dimensions –
 - (i) length – 2.4 metres (plus allowable overcut);
 - (ii) small-end diameter – 30cm –

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provided that logs do not contain Category 1, 2 or 3 logs;

- (b) permissible defects –
 - (i) end-defect limit – as specified in Part 3 of this Schedule;
 - (ii) limbs, bumps and scars – no restrictions on defects provided defects are green and solid with 120cm of solid wood between any limb or bump;
 - (iii) gum – no restriction;
 - (iv) spiral grain – not exceeding 25cm circumferential displacement per 150cm of length;
 - (v) sweep – no restriction;
- (c) specifications (allowable overcut) –
 - (i) for logs not exceeding 5.4 metres in length – the allowable overcut is 10cm;
 - (ii) for logs exceeding 5.4 metres in length – the allowable overcut is 20cm.

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**PART 3 – END-DEFECT LIMITS IN LOGS REFERRED
TO IN PART 2**

Item	End-diameter centimetres (cm) under bark (u.b.)	Eucalypt defect limit in end- diameter, centimetres (cm) under bark (u.b.)
1.	Exceeding 40cm but not exceeding 50cm	10cm
2.	Exceeding 50cm but not exceeding 60cm	15cm
3.	Exceeding 60cm but not exceeding 70cm	20cm
4.	Exceeding 70cm but not exceeding 80cm	25cm
5.	Exceeding 80cm but not exceeding 90cm	30cm
6.	Exceeding 90cm but not exceeding 100cm	35cm
7.	Exceeding 100cm but not exceeding 120cm	40cm
8.	Exceeding 120cm but not exceeding 140cm	50cm
9.	Exceeding 140cm but not exceeding 170cm	60cm
10.	Exceeding 170cm but not exceeding 200cm	75cm
11.	Exceeding 200cm but not exceeding 230cm	90cm
12.	Exceeding 230cm	120cm

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These regulations are administered in the Department of State Growth.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations)

These regulations –

- (a) set out, for illustration purposes only, a copy of the prescribed specifications in force immediately before the commencement of the *Forest Management Act 2013* that are referred to in section 16(1)(a) of that Act; and
- (b) are made consequentially on the repeal of the *Forestry Regulations 2009* under section 11 of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1992*.