

Appendix 4 - Tolerance table

	Adjustment to felling coupe boundaries	Timing of restocking	Change to species	Wind throw or environmental response	Adjustment to road lines
Scottish Forestry Approval not normally required (record and notify FC)	<10% of coupe size	Up to 5 planting seasons after felling (allowing fallow periods for Hylobius).	Change within species group E.g. Scots pine to birch, Non-native conifers e.g Sitka spruce to Douglas fir, Non-native to native species (allowing for changes to facilitate Ancient Woodland policy).		Departures of up to 60m from the centre of the roadline
Approval by exchange of letters and map	10-15% of coupe size	5 years +	Change of coupe objective likely to be consistent with current policy (e.g. from productive to open, open to native species).	Up to 5 ha	Departures of greater than 60m from the centre of the roadline
Approval by formal plan amendment	>15% of coupe size		Major change of objective likely to be contrary to policy, E.g. native to non-native species, open to non-native,	More than 5 ha	As above, depending on sensitivity