



ATTENTION FOREST OWNERS



DEFORESTATION

If you own forest land established before 1 January 1990 you must notify the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) of any deforestation greater than two hectares of forest since 1 January 2008.

The deadline for notification of deforestation that occurred in **2008** is 31 January 2009. The deadline for the notification of deforestation that occurred **since 1 January 2009** is 20 working days from the date of the deforestation.

To notify MAF:

- › download and complete the form at:
www.maf.govt.nz/sustainable-forestry/ets/forms
- › return the completed notification form either to the email or postal mail address provided on the form.

You will also need to apply for a New Zealand Emissions Unit Register holding account.

You can do this at www.eur.govt.nz

Failure to notify deforestation of more than 2 hectares by 31 January 2009 may result in the landowner committing an offence under section 129 of the Climate Change Response Act 2002.

EXEMPTIONS

If you own less than 50 hectares of forest land you may be entitled to an exemption. To find out about the “less than 50 hectares” exemption visit:
www.maf.govt.nz/sustainable-forestry/ets/guide/

REGISTRATION

You may be entitled to voluntarily register forest land that was established after 31 December 1989 in the Emissions Trading Scheme. You will also need to apply for an NZ Emissions Unit Register holding account.

You can do this at www.eur.govt.nz

For further information on deforestation, exemptions or registration please visit:
www.maf.govt.nz/sustainable-forestry/ets/guide/

QUESTIONS?

If you are unsure of your obligations and entitlements under the Emissions Trading Scheme visit:
maf.govt.nz/sustainable-forestry/ or call 0800 CLIMATE (0800 254 628).