BACKGROUND

This Amendment Sheet updates the Guidelines for Tree Risk Assessment and Management Arrangement (TRAM Guidelines) (9th Edition) to incorporate the latest requirements in the DEVB TC(W) No. 4/2020 - Tree Preservation and to adopt the Guidelines on Audit of Tree Risk Assessment. Opportunity was also taken to make a few minor editorial amendments.

The amendments are given below.

AMENDMENTS

(a) Cover Page  Amend as follows:

(b) Content Page  Amend as follows:
   Delete ‘PART 1 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF TREE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENTS’ and substitute ‘PART 1 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF TREE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENTS’.

PART 1  RESPONSIBILITIES OF TREE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENTS

(c) Section 1.1  Amend as follows:
   In 1st paragraph, line 1, delete ‘TRAM’ and substitute ‘TRAM Guidelines’.
   In 2nd paragraph, line 1, delete ‘Guidelines’ and substitute ‘TRAM Guidelines’.
   In 2nd paragraph, line 7, delete ‘tree management departments’ and substitute ‘tree maintenance departments’.

(d) Section 1.2  Amend as follows:
   In line 1, delete ‘Tree Management Departments’ and substitute ‘Tree Maintenance Departments’.
   In line 2, delete ‘TRAM’ and substitute ‘tree risk assessment and management (TRAM)’.
   In line 10, delete ‘Guidelines for TRAM Arrangement’ and substitute ‘TRAM Guidelines’.
(e) Section 1.4
Amend as follows:
In 1st paragraph, line 3, delete ‘tree management departments’ and substitute ‘tree maintenance departments’.

(f) Section 1.5
Amend as follows:
In section 1.5.1, line 1, delete ‘Tree management departments’ and substitute ‘Tree maintenance departments’.

In section 1.5.2, line 1, delete ‘tree management departments’ and substitute ‘tree maintenance departments’.

In section 1.5.3, line 1, delete ‘Tree management departments’ and substitute ‘Tree maintenance departments’.

PART 2 TREE RISK ASSESSMENT
(a) Section 2.1
Amend as follows:
In line 1, delete ‘tree management departments’ and substitute ‘tree maintenance departments’.

(b) Section 2.2
Amend as follows:
In line 1, delete ‘Tree management departments’ and substitute ‘Tree maintenance departments’.

In section 2.2.1, ‘Tree Risk Assessment Frequency’ column, line 4, delete ‘(i.e. 30 April)’.

(c) Section 2.3
Amend as follows:
In line 2, delete ‘tree management departments’ and substitute ‘tree maintenance departments’.

(d) Section 2.4
Amend as follows:
In section 2.4.1 (b), line 2, delete ‘Tree management departments’ and substitute ‘Tree maintenance departments’.

In section 2.4.2, line 2, delete ‘tree management departments’ and substitute ‘tree maintenance departments’.

(e) Section 2.6
Amend as follows:
In line 1, delete ‘OVTs, stonewall trees and’.

In line 2, add ‘(including dead trees) or transplanting’.

In line 3, delete ‘tree management departments’ and substitute ‘tree maintenance departments’.

In section 2.6.1, replace paragraph 1 as ‘Tree maintenance departments shall undertake Sensitivity Analysis when considering the proposed removal (including dead tree) or transplanting of trees of particular interest.”
under non-emergency circumstances. Examples of trees of particular interest are listed as below for reference:’.

In section 2.6.1, replace lines 4 to 7 as follows:
- OVTs and trees that are potentially registerable in the Register of OVTs;
- Trees of 100 years old or above;
- Trees with trunk diameter equal to or exceeding 1.0 m (measured at 1.3 m above ground level), or with height/canopy spread equal to or exceeding 25 m;
- Stonewall trees or trees of outstanding form (taking account of overall tree sizes, shape and any special features);

In section 2.6.1, line 8, delete ‘Examples of trees of particular interest are listed as below for reference:’.

In section 2.6.1, line 18, add ‘or cultural’.

In section 2.6.2, line 4, delete ‘tree management departments’ and substitute ‘tree maintenance departments’.

(f) Section 2.7
Amend as follows:
In 1st paragraph, line 1, delete ‘tree management departments’ and substitute ‘tree maintenance departments’.

In 2nd paragraph, line 1, delete ‘Tree management departments’ and substitute ‘Tree maintenance departments’.

In 2nd paragraph, line 2, delete ‘DEVB TC(W) No. 7/2019’ and substitute ‘DEVB TC(W) No. 4/2020’.

(g) Section 2.8
Amend as follows:
In line 1, delete ‘Departments’ and substitute ‘Tree maintenance departments’.

In line 4, delete ‘tree management departments’ and substitute ‘tree maintenance departments’.

(h) Section 2.9
Amend as follows:
In line 1, delete ‘Tree management departments’ and substitute ‘Tree maintenance departments’.

In line 6, delete ‘Refer to ‘Guideline for Auditing of Tree Risk Assessment for Tree Management Departments’ in Cyber Manual for Greening’ and substitute ‘Refer to ‘Guidelines on Audit of Tree Risk Assessment’ in Cyber Manual for Greening and GLTMS website’.
PART 4  TREE CARE
(a) Section 4.4  Amend as follows:
In line 10, delete ‘Guideline for Auditing of Tree Risk Assessment for Tree Management Departments’ and substitute ‘Guidelines on Audit of Tree Risk Assessment’.

PART 5  FORMS | TEMPLATES | CHECKLISTS
(a) Section 5.3.5  Amend as follows:
In line 6, delete ‘OVTs, Stonewall Trees or Trees of Particular Interest’ and substitute ‘trees of particular interest’.

APPENDIX 3  REQUIREMENTS FOR INSPECTION OFFICERS FOR FORM 1 – TREE GROUP INSPECTION AND FORM 2 – INDIVIDUAL TREE RISK ASSESSMENT
(a)  Amend as follows:
In ‘Professional Qualifications’ part, line 6, add ‘European Tree Worker,’.
In ‘Professional Qualifications’ part, line 14, delete ‘or equivalent’ and substitute ‘equivalent to the above’.

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