Guidelines for Tree Risk Assessment and Management Arrangement
9th Edition (Rev. 2)

AMENDMENT NO.: TMG1/02/2020

BACKGROUND

This Amendment Sheet updates the Guidelines for Tree Risk Assessment and Management Arrangement (TRAM Guidelines) (9th Edition) to align with the promulgation of Tree Management Common Platform (TMCP) and the future requirements of the registration scheme for tree management personnel. Opportunity was also taken to make a few minor editorial amendments.

The amendments are given below.

AMENDMENTS

(a) Cover Page

Amend as follows:
Delete ‘9th edition (Rev. 1), 1 April 2020’ and substitute ‘9th edition (Rev. 2), 1 November 2020’.

PART 2

(a) Section 2.4

TREE RISK ASSESSMENT

Amend as follows:


On page 8, delete ‘For users with Tree Management Information System (TMIS) or the Tree Management Common Platform (TMCP) (under development) accounts, the use of Form 1 under the TMIS/TMCP format is recommended.’ and substitute ‘For users with Tree Management Common Platform (TMCP) accounts, the use of Form 1 under the TMCP Windows Application is required. Departments using interface to transfer tree information shall continue to use TMIS until new interface between department and the TMCP system is established.’

On page 10, in ‘Monitoring Requirement 1. (b)’ of ‘Black’ category, delete ‘Tree Register’ and substitute ‘TMCP’.

On page 10, in ‘Action’ of ‘RED’ category, add ‘2. Upload the tree information to the TMCP.’

On page 11, in ‘Downgrading Mechanism 1. (f)’ of ‘RED’ category, delete ‘Tree Register’ and substitute ‘TMCP’.


(b) Section 2.5 Amend as follows:
On page 14, delete ‘For users with TMIS / TMCP accounts, the use of Form 2 under the TMIS / TMCP format is recommended.’ and substitute ‘For users with Tree Management Common Platform (TMCP) accounts, the use of Form 2 under the TMCP Windows Application is required. Departments using interface to transfer tree information shall continue to use TMIS until new interface between department and the TMCP system is established.’

PART 4 TREE CARE
(a) Section 4.2 Amend as follows:
On page 30, in ‘Documentation #4’, delete ‘• Update information on Tree Register.’ and ‘• Update input to TMIS or TMCP.’ and substitute ‘• Update tree information on the TMCP.’

PART 5 FORMS | TEMPLATES | CHECKLISTS
(a) Section 5.3 Amend as follows:
In section 5.3.3, part C., last line, add ‘via the TMCP’.

APPENDIX 2 OVERALL WORKFLOW OF TREE RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENT
(a) Amend as follows:
In the 3rd bullet point under “TRIAGE RED”, item (iv), delete ‘20%’ and substitute “25%”.

APPENDIX 3 REQUIREMENTS FOR INSPECTION OFFICERS FOR FORM 1 – TREE GROUP INSPECTION AND FORM 2 – INDIVIDUAL TREE RISK ASSESSMENT
(a) Academic Qualifications Amend as follows:
In line 2, delete ‘or equivalent’ and in line 3, add ‘, or equivalent in an appropriate discipline’.

(b) Professional Qualifications Amend as follows:
In the 1st bullet point, delete ‘, or above qualifications’.
In the 3rd bullet point, delete ‘European Tree Worker, European Tree Technician or above qualifications’ and substitute ‘European Tree Worker or European Tree Technician’.
In the 5th bullet point, delete ‘, or above qualifications’.
In the 6th bullet point, delete ‘or above qualifications’.
APPENDIX 5  
Explanatory Notes for Form 1: Tree Group Inspection

(a) Amend as follows:
On page A5-6, in ‘Overall Conditions’, ‘Fair’ category, last paragraph, delete ‘tree treatments, tree failure is not foreseeable’ and substitute ‘remedial actions’.

On page A5-6, in ‘Overall Conditions’, ‘Poor’ category, last paragraph, delete ‘Mitigation measures is considered cannot completely remedies the health and structural defects. Tree failure is expected in the long run.’ and substitute ‘These health and structural defects are likely to be mitigated by pruning or other remedial actions.’

On page A5-6, in ‘Overall Conditions’, ‘Very poor’ category, last paragraph, delete ‘detrimental to the tree inspected and tree removal is highly recommended.’ and substitute ‘generally irrecoverable and detrimental to the tree.’

On page A5-9, in ‘Add Tree Group Photos’, line 3, delete ‘health or structural conditions classified as “Very Poor” and recommended for tree removal; and tree(s) recommended for’ and substitute ‘listed in Table (A) which was recommended for tree removal,’.

APPENDIX 8  
Explanatory Notes for Form 2: Individual Tree Risk Assessment

(a) Amend as follows:
In Section 8 – Branch Conditions, ‘Heavy lateral limb’, delete ‘leaves clustered at tip of a long branch.’ and substitute ‘limb with unusually long length for its diameter and/or heavy foliage load concentrated near its tip.’

In Section 9 – Trunk Conditions, ‘Poor taper’, delete ‘the decrease in diameter over the height of tree trunk. Poor taper’ and substitute ‘tree with normal taper in trunk has diameter decreases gradually from base to top. Tree with little or no taper’.

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