

**Guidelines for Tree Risk Assessment and Management Arrangement
9th Edition (Rev. 1)**

AMENDMENT NO.: TMG1/01/2020

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:
Delete '9th edition, 1 November 2019' **and substitute** '9th edition (Rev. 1), 1 April 2020'.

(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

(a) Section 4.4

TREE CARE

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

(a) Section 5.3.5

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Amend as follows:

In line 6, **delete** 'OVTs, Stonewall Trees or Trees of Particular Interest' **and substitute** 'trees of particular interest'.

APPENDIX 3

(a)

REQUIREMENTS FOR INSPECTION OFFICERS FOR FORM 1 – TREE GROUP INSPECTION AND FORM 2 – INDIVIDUAL TREE RISK ASSESSMENT

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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