



BIOENERGY (WILLOW) SCHEME 2015

APPLICATION FORM FOR PRE-PLANTING APPROVAL

2015

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**Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara**

Note to the Applicant

- Applicants are advised to read the Terms and Conditions of the Bioenergy (Willow) Scheme carefully prior to completing this application form.
- All applicants under the Bioenergy (Willow) Scheme (BWS) must complete this application form for Pre-Planting Approval.
- The purpose of this application form is to provide the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine with information needed to assess the application, and also to assist the applicant in their evaluation of the viability of growing willow for bioenergy as a part of the overall farm enterprise.
- Each section of this application form must be completed in full. Application forms and supporting documentation must be submitted in hardcopy. Extra pages can be attached to the application form if more space is needed.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered for Pre-Planting approval.
- **Applicants should not commence work on the site until they have received Pre-Planting approval.**
- **Please note that the closing date for receipt of applications for pre-planting approval is 30th April 2015.**
- The completed application form, along with the necessary end use documentation **must be posted directly to** the following address:

**Bioenergy (Willow) Scheme 2015
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine,
On-Farm Investments Division,
Johnstown Castle Estate,
Co. Wexford**

Applicant details

Surname _____

First name(s) _____

Address (postal) _____

Mobile telephone number _____

Home telephone number _____

E-mail address _____

Gender (please tick) Male Female Personal Public Service No. (PPS)¹ _____

Herd No. _____

Vat DetailsPlease indicate if you are registered for VAT (tick one box only)

Not Registered for VAT		
Registered for VAT		

VAT Number _____

Site Details

County _____

District Electoral Division _____

Declaration of Land Parcels (See Section 7 of Scheme's Terms and Conditions)				
Townland (s)	Land Parcel No. (LPIS)	Eligible net area of each Parcel in Hectares.*	Are you applying for a full or part of a Land Parcel	Is Parcel/Plot owned, rented or leased
		Total:		

¹ Formerly RSI No.

The above columns must be completed in respect of each land parcel where willow is being planted. Where these columns are not completed in respect of every parcel, your application will be regarded as incomplete. The land parcel number (LPIS No.) is pre-printed on your 2014 BPS Application Form.

Where land parcels are being sub-divided, the details of that parcel sub-division must be entered using the original LPIS parcel number along with a specific identifier ("A", "B", "C" etc). Boundaries should be marked on a map in red ink marking the specific division "A", "B", "C" and so on. Where applicants are splitting LPIS numbers then they must separately request when submitting their SPS application, that the new plots are redigitised.

Where the LPIS No is not available, identify the new plots by calling them Plot 1, Plot 2, etc. In this instance, you must also identify these new plots by outlining them carefully in **red ink** on an Ordnance Survey Map or a LPIS Map. Similar to the situation outlined above, applicants must separately request, when submitting their BPS application, that the new plots be redigitised.

* Eligible/Net area refers to the number of 'eligible hectares' as defined under the land definitions of the EU Basic Payment System (BPS) Helpsheets/Terms and Conditions.

Previous Experience

Describe in detail your level of expertise/knowledge with regard to growing biomass crops.

Were you an applicant in a previous Bioenergy Scheme?

- YES
 NO

If yes, please provide details.

Site description and current and recent use(s)

Give details (including soil type, drainage, slope and area) for each land parcel being applied for. Note the site requirements under the Bioenergy (Willow) Scheme 2015 for willow as detailed in the Willow Best Practice Manual.

If you haven't applied, in a recent BPS return, for the land claimed within this application and if you own the land and had rented/leased it, please give name and address (and herd number if known) of person that land was rented/leased to.

Describe how the proposed site has been used in each of the three most recent calendar years (including the current calendar year).

Operational scheduling and details

For each of the first 5 years of the proposed bioenergy crop, describe the proposed operational details, including:

Site cultivation (method, timing, machinery, projected cost)

Pre and post-planting vegetation control (timing, type(s) of herbicide, application rate, machinery, projected cost)

Pest control (timing, type(s) of pesticide, application rate, type & length of fencing (in metres), projected cost)

Planting including supplier(s) and varieties proposed. (Note that Invoices for planting willow must clearly specify the breeding programme involved (European and/or Swedish), the specific varieties supplied, and the quantities of each.)

Cutting-back (timing, machinery)

Harvesting (timing, machinery)

Plantation layout

Describe in detail aspects of the proposed plantation layout that are designed to maximise operational efficiency.

Do you wish to claim a requirement for 'Open Ground'

- YES
- NO

If yes, please demonstrate requirements for proposed open ground. (Open Ground cannot be claimed at 1st instalment stage unless it is claimed at pre planting approval stage)

Drying and storage

Describe in detail how the biomass will be stored and dried in preparation for use for bioenergy.

End-use Markets

Describe in detail the contract you have secured with an end use company who intend to process the crop as a source of bioenergy.

Has the company offering the contract secured a viable end use for the crop in the bioenergy market? If so, describe.

Describe in detail where the crop will be processed and what products will be manufactured i.e. pellet, briquette etc.

What is the distance, in kilometres, between the proposed planting site and the point of use of the willow biomass?

Declaration

This completed BWS Application for Pre-Planting Approval is accompanied by documentation demonstrating linkages with end-users and supporting maps identifying any new plots or sub-divisions.

I understand that an applicant cannot claim an **establishment grant** for planting willow under any other EU or National Scheme in respect of any area that is grant aided as a result of this application.

I declare that the area proposed for planting under this application meets the site requirements under the BioEnergy (Willow) Scheme 2015 for willow, as detailed in the Willow Best Practice Manual.

I have read and agree to observe and be bound by the terms and conditions of the Bioenergy (Willow) Scheme 2015 and I declare that the details given in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's signature _____

Date _____