

## **ACoP Section 2. GENERAL SAFETY**

The following General Rules apply to **ERNSLAW ONE** staff, to every person conducting a business or undertaking in any **ERNSLAW ONE** forest, and to every worker:

### **2.2 First Aid**

#### **Bee or Wasp sting allergies:**

If any person has any known allergy then they must make that known to the Contractor and to the **ERNSLAW ONE** Supervisor, and if heavy bee or wasp infestations exist, then the Contractor shall ensure that one first aid kit at the worksite includes adrenaline and an auto-injector, with at least two other persons trained to administer this in case of anaphylactic shock.

### **2.6 Visitors (Persons Under 15 Years of Age)**

- A. Persons under the age of 15 are not permitted in the vicinity of any forest operation while work is being carried out, unless both the **ERNSLAW ONE** supervisor and the person in charge of the operation have been notified and have given prior approval for the visit, and that the young person is under the constant and close supervision of a competent and approved chaperone.
- B. School and similar supervised visitor groups are permitted under direct supervision of **ERNSLAW ONE** staff (safe zone to be marked off by tape or rope).

### **2.11 Driving On Forest Roads**

- A. Vehicle speed is limited to 60 km per hour on forest roads, unless otherwise advised.



## **ACoP Section 6. MOBILE PLANT**

### **6.5 Maintenance - Welding, Cutting & Grinding**

- A. A shovel and an approved fire extinguisher must be on-site at all times while welding or similar operations are being undertaken, and then only above bare soil.

Refer to **ERNSLAW ONE** Fire Plan for welding permits and constraints at times of High, Very High and Extreme Fire danger.

### **6.7 Quad Bikes (ATVs)**

- A. If a quad bike has provision for passengers, then passengers may be carried on metalled forest roads, formed tracks or acceptable trails.
- B. Speed must be limited by prevailing conditions and should not exceed 20 km per hour.
- C. Operators must hold appropriate NZQA Units: 24559 "Ride a quad bike on hilly terrain" and, if carrying a load Unit 24563 "Ride a quad bike with mounted equipment or a load", or if the quad bike tows a trailer Unit 24561 "Ride a quad bike with trailed equipment" (or subsequent Unit Standard).

#### **Recommendation**

Approved<sup>5</sup> Roll-over / crush protection devices are to be fitted on quad bikes..

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<sup>5</sup> ROPs to British Standard ISO 12003-2:2008  
Agricultural and forestry tractors – Roll-over protective structures on narrow-track wheeled tractors



## **ACoP Section 11. TREE FELLING**

(including silvicultural thinning of trees >20cm at the stump)

- A. No person shall work under or forward of a hang-up, or scarfed and back-cut tree.

### **Felling Near Live Power Lines**

- B. Work near live power lines must follow a Felling Plan agreed between the Lines company, the **ERNSLAW ONE** supervisor and the contractor. There must be a signed copy on site.

## **ACoP Section 12. BREAKING OUT**

- A. any new breaker out must obtain General Requirements (17769 - Demonstrate knowledge of general health, safety, and environmental requirements in forestry) and Unit Standard 22994 (Factors which affect the performance of forestry workers) within four weeks of commencing work.
- B. A daily written log of the time when all Breaker-outs took their designated uninterrupted 30 min rest/meal break(s) must be kept, as part of the Contractor's fatigue management procedure.

### **Recommendation**

The Head Breaker-out and hauler operators should have two means of communications (radio, air horns and/or "talkie tooters").



## **ACoP S16. LOG TRUCK LOADING (& Load Securing)**

- A. Where log trucks are loading in very low light or at night, drivers must wear a safety vests with reflective strips and carry a torch or wear a headlamp and use it to indicate their location to the loader driver.
- B. Log truck drivers shall have a Track or Wheel licence endorsements in order to operate any loader.
- C. All logs shorter than 5m, and eucalypt logs regardless of length, must be secured with a third restraint<sup>6</sup>.
- D. Old style “explosive” load-binding twitches are banned except for use on belly chains.

**South Wood Council Rules** more stringent than the Approved Code  
*(to ensure consistency with other Forest Owners):*

- A. All logs regardless of length must be secured with a third restraint.
- B. Logging truck drivers are required to stand clear of their trucks in a position where they can be seen by the loader operator at all times during loading.

### **Recommendation**

Harvest Contractors should create a clearly marked designated safe waiting area for Drivers who opt to leave their cabs.

## **ACoP Section 17. LOG TRANSPORT**

- A. Passenger may only ride in logging trucks in **ERNSLAW ONE** forests in an emergency situation or where a business need arises (Dispatch and the cartage contractor must be notified and give approval). Visitors under 15 may only ride with prior approval from **ERNSLAW ONE**s Supervisor.

<sup>6</sup> Refer LTSC Industry Standards (white book), pages 6-7 & 6-8 and 16-11 to 16-14 for restraint types & rules: Chain, wire rope or webbing straps > 75mm wide).

*Note: Log trucks must have a copy of the LTSC's 2013 White book or subsequent update in the cab – ACoP not required.*

