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CHANGES TO DEREGISTRATION OBLIGATIONS

Amendments to the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (CCRA) brought into effect on 16 May 2014 have changed how post-1989 ETS participants are able to meet deregistration obligations. If you submit an application after 15 May 2014 to deregister, remove a Carbon Accounting Area, or part of a Carbon Accounting Area from the ETS, you can only repay the associated unit liability with New Zealand Units.

These amendments were made to address unintended consequences of operations within the CCRA, and to bring the forestry sector in line with other sectors that do not have the opportunity to engage in re-registration arbitrage. They took effect from 16 May 2014, but do not affect deregistration applications received by MPI before 16 May 2014. For more information see [Changes to Deregistration Obligations under the CCRA](#).

You can still use Kyoto units (including Emission Reduction Units) for harvesting and deforestation of forest land registered in the NZ ETS; and for repaying over-allocated units until 31 May 2015. You can also resell them to industrial emitters and pre-1990 foresters who are deforesting until 31 May 2015, or sell them to overseas buyers.

For further information please contact 0800 CLIMATE (254628).

LAND INFORMATION NEW ZEALAND (LINZ) DATA SERVICE UPDATES

LINZ is making New Zealand's most current publicly-owned aerial imagery – covering 95 percent of the country – freely available to use under an open licence through the [LINZ Data Service](#). They have recently released all of the North Island aerial imagery, and will be rolling out imagery for the rest of the country over the coming months.

Take a look at the [new dataset here](#). Also, find out how to [attribute imagery](#) so that you can freely use, reuse and share the data.

TWO HECTARE DEFORESTATION THRESHOLD

Clearing of up to two hectares of pre-1990 forest land, in each five year period from 1 January 2008, is not treated as deforestation. However, where you deforest more than two hectares, you incur deforestation liabilities for the entire deforested area – including the first two hectares.

If you have made an error in any of your deforestation emission returns, or any other emissions return, you need to contact MPI on **0800 CLIMATE (254628)**, or at climatechange@mpi.govt.nz to correct this.