

SECTION 202

CLEARING

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202.01 DESCRIPTION

Clearing shall consist of the cutting of trees and brush and the removal, piling and burning or other disposal of all trees, brush and logs from within areas designated by the Owner's Representative. However, clearing will not normally be performed within areas selected as borrow pits and quarries, unless otherwise directed by the Owner's Representative.

202.02 ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS AND AUTHORIZATION

The Contractor is required to obtain permits to cut trees and/or burn brush. Application(s) for a permit must be made to the local Forest Management District Office of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture. Copies of all permits must be provided to the Owner's Representative prior to commencing work.

Should the Contractor wish to burn brush, then prior permission must first be obtained from the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture as well as the local municipality.

Tires are not to be used in burning operations. Additionally, burning operations in residential areas should be carried out in a manner where airborne fire emissions will not impact these properties.

202.03 CLEARING OPERATIONS

Areas in which clearing is to be carried out will be identified by flagging tape beforehand by the Owner's Representative.

Clearing operations shall not commence until the Contractor has obtained a cutting permit.

If so ordered by the Owner's Representative, certain trees within the right of way shall be preserved. Underbrush, down timber, snags and roots shall be removed from the vicinity of such preserved trees to a cleared space within the right of way and then burned or disposed of. Where clearing operations are required near a watercourse or water body, the Contractor shall ensure that a minimum 15 metre buffer zone is left between the watercourse or water body and adjacent work area unless otherwise directed by the Owner's Representative. The buffer shall be clearly marked in the field by the Owner's Representative prior to any clearing so that the area is visible to heavy equipment operators.

All tree branches extending into the right of way, which hang within six metres of the ground, shall be cut off close to the trunk in a neat and competent manner.

No trees shall be cut down outside the limits of the right of way except any tree or trees considered unsafe by the Owner's Representative and so marked for cutting by the Owner's Representative.

No timber, brush or logs shall, in any event, be piled upon adjacent lands unless authority is first obtained from the Owner's Representative.

The limits of the right of way shall be left in proper shape for fencing.

Trees cut within the right of way and not required for Departmental use will become the property of the Contractor.

The Contractor shall be permitted to use, for construction purposes under the contract, any timber cut on the right of way provided that the sizes and quality of such timber meets the requirements of the plans and specifications and is acceptable to the Owner's Representative.

The Contractor shall dispose of all brush and logs not suitable for salvage. Disposal shall be by burning, or by removal and disposal in an approved waste disposal area provided by the Contractor at their own expense.

The Contractor shall not proceed with any burning operations during the fire season without securing the permission of the local Forest Management District Office of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture.

The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to guard against damage to surrounding timber and shall assume all liability for claims that may arise from any such damage.

202.04 MEASUREMENT FOR PAYMENT

Measurement will be made of the horizontal area actually cleared from within the area flagged by the Owner's Representative. These measurements shall be computed to obtain the area in hectares, measured to three decimal places.

Clearing beyond the limits identified will not be measured for payment.

202.05 BASIS OF PAYMENT

Payment at the contract price for clearing shall be compensation in full for all labour, materials and equipment use to carry out the work indicated in this specification and shall include all costs involved in obtaining and conforming to the conditions of required permits, together with either burning the debris, or obtaining an approved waste disposal area and hauling away and disposing of the debris in the waste disposal area.