Explanatory note on PC7 Rules 5.189 to 5.190B in Update #2 to Appendix E

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Update #2 to the 'tracked changes' version of PC7 includes a number of recommendations to change Rules 5.189 to 5.190. These rules cover plantation forests regulated by the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry) Regulations and 'permanent' forests specifically planted and managed for a carbon sink. These recommended changes in Update #2 seek to improve clarity by separating the rule cascade for plantation forestry activities from the rules applicable to carbon sink forests. The plantation forestry activities are now grouped under Rules 5.189 to 5.190, and the rules applicable to carbon sink forests are now grouped under new Rules 5.190A and 5.190B.