LARIX EUROLEPIS HYBRID LARCH

Seed orchard Laugesen FP.651

Composition

Hybrid larch (Larix eurolepis), seed orchard Laugesen FP.651, is composed of plus trees of European larch (Larix decidua) of Polish origin selected by the Department of Polish State Forestry, Aboret Lesne, Sycow. Japanese larch (Larix kaempferi) has been selected in the seed orchard C.E. Flensborg FP.601 as being the fastest growing species among 13 selected clones.

Selection criteria

Stem form, growth energy (diameter) and basal sweep. The selection strength was substantial for European larch and moderate for Japanese larch.

Objective

Production of seed of high physical and genetic quality for the production of wood.

Design

Rows of a mixture of European larch comprising 10 clones, which are planted in the following way: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 etc. and with one Japanese larch clone – being the only clone from which seeds are harvested. Documentation shows that flowering among the clones is well-balanced resulting in a high hybrid percentage.

Genetic gain

The Japanese clone V.6090 will be mother clone in 3 different seed orchards in C.E. Flensborg's Hybrid larch FP.618 and in Japanese larch FP.601 and FP.615, which all belong to the reference category "Tested". When tested, they all show considerable gain on stem form, specific weight and growth energy. Offspring of the seed orchard Larix eurolepis Laugesen FP.651 was in 2013 qualified for the qualities diameter and stem form. FP.651, which comprises 10 clones as pollinators, must be characterised as genetically broad.

Recommended planting areas

All places where recommended to plant larch.

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FACTS

Composition

Year of propagation: 2004 Year of establishment: 2006 Plus trees offspring represented when planted out: 1+10 Isolation to the nearest Japanese larch: Approx. 1,000 m Reference number: FP.651 Reference category: Qualified Reference objective: Production of wood

Identification

Species: Hybrid larch (Larix eurolepis), Japanese larch (Larix kaempferi), X European larch (Larix decidua) Ownership: Hedeselskabet Supervisor: HedeDanmark a/s, Seed Location: Laugesen dept. 2c Area: 1.64 ha Country: Denmark Latitude: N 56° 24.705' Longitude: E 9° 40.320' Altitude: 42 m

The components of the basic material and its offspring

Polish No.	Provenance	Origin
Pl.499 Pl.501 Pl.544 Pl.545 Pl.547 Pl.549 Pl.4422 Pl.4425 Pl.4426 Pl.4431	Poland, Region Katowice, Forest district and area Prószków, Prudnik, South- east Poland, in natural numbers in the Carpa- thian mountains 200-470 m.a.s.l.	Aboret Lesne, Sycow, Poland
V. 6090	Hokaido, Japan	Kongenshus

