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COMING INTO FORCE of certain provisions of the Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to improve access to the educational childcare services network and complete its development and the Act to promote equity in access to subsidized educational childcare services provided by permit holders

WHEREAS, under section 108 of the Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to improve access to the educational childcare services network and complete its development (2022, chapter 9), the provisions of the Act come into force on 12 April 2022, except in particular, as provided for in paragraph 3 of section 108 of the Act, as amended by section 20 of the Act to promote equity in access to subsidized educational childcare services provided by permit holders (2025, chapter 17), sections 5, 16 and 35, paragraph 2 of section 49 insofar as it adds "and fifth", ", 13.1" and "and 59.6, the first paragraph of section 59.9 and sections 59.10, 59.12" and strikes out "59.1" in the second paragraph of section 101.3 of the Educational Childcare Act (chapter S-4.1.1), paragraphs 1, 6 and 7 of section 58, paragraph 1 of section 59, section 62 insofar as it adds "13.1" to section 110 of that Act, section 69 except insofar as it adds "2.2" to section 116 of that Act, section 92 insofar as it adds "59.2, 59.6, 59.10" to section 75 of the Educational Childcare Regulation (chapter S-4.1.1, r. 2), and section 99, which come into force on the date or dates to be determined by the Government;

WHEREAS, under section 43 of the Act to promote equity in access to subsidized educational childcare services provided by permit holders, the provisions of that Act come into force on the date or dates to be determined by the Government, except those of sections 3, 6, 19 and 20, which come into force on 4 June 2025;

WHEREAS it is expedient to set 19 March 2026 as the date of coming into force of section 16, paragraph 2 of section 49, insofar as it adds ", 13.1" to the second paragraph of section 101.3 of the Educational Childcare Act, paragraph 1 of section 58, and section 62, insofar as it adds "13.1" to section 110 of that Act, of the Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to improve access to the educational childcare services network and complete its development;

WHEREAS it is expedient to set 19 March 2026 as the date of coming into force of section 4 of the Act to promote equity in access to subsidized educational childcare services provided by permit holders;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Families:

THAT 19 March 2026 be set as the date of coming into force of section 16, paragraph 2 of section 49, insofar as it adds ", 13.1" to the second paragraph of section 101.3 of the Educational Childcare Act (chapter S-4.1.1), paragraph 1 of section 58, and section 62, insofar as it adds "13.1" to section 110 of that Act, of the Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to improve access to the educational childcare services network and complete its development (2022, chapter 9);

THAT 19 March 2026 be set as the date of coming into force of section 4 of the Act to promote equity in access to subsidized educational childcare services provided by permit holders (2025, chapter 17).

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Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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COMING INTO FORCE of certain provisions of the Act to amend various provisions relating to public security and to enact the Act to assist in locating missing persons

WHEREAS, under paragraph 1 of section 137 of the Act to amend various provisions relating to public security and to enact the Act to assist in locating missing persons (2023, chapter 20), the Act comes into force on 5 October 2023, except, in particular, sections 2 and 14, which comes into force on the date or dates to be set by the Government;

WHEREAS it is expedient to set 19 march 2026 as the date of coming into force of sections 2 and 14 of the Act;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Public Security:

THAT 19 march 2026 be set as the date of coming into force of sections 2 and 14 of the Act to amend various provisions relating to public security and to enact the Act to assist in locating missing persons (2023, chapter 20).

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Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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COMING INTO FORCE of certain provisions of the Act to enact the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies and to amend various provisions mainly for the purpose of reducing the administrative burden of municipal bodies

WHEREAS, under section 102 of the Act to enact the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies and to amend various provisions mainly for the purpose of reducing the administrative burden of municipal bodies (2025, chapter 4), the provisions of the Act come into force on 25 March 2025, except in particular, as provided for in paragraph 1 of section 102 of the Act, the provisions of section 1, except insofar as they enact sections 142, 145, 148, 158, 161, 165, 175, 178, 185, 187, 192, 199, 228, 237, 245 to 247, 251 to 253, 256, 258 and 260 of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01), which come into force on the date or dates to be set by the Government;

WHEREAS it is expedient to set 1 April 2026 as the date of coming into force of the provisions of section 1 of the Act to enact the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies and to amend various provisions mainly for the purpose of reducing the administrative burden of municipal bodies insofar as they enact sections 1 to 100, 115 to 136, 138 to 141, 143, 144, 146, 147, 149 to 157, 159, 160, 162 to 164, 166 to 174, 176, 177, 179 to 184, 186, 188 to 191, 193 to 198, 200 to 227, 229 to 236, 238 to 244, 248 to 250, 254, 255, 257, 259, 261 to 265 and 266, except insofar as that section applies to the first paragraph of section 112 and to section 137 of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs:

THAT 1 April 2026 be set as the date of coming into force of the provisions of section 1 of the Act to enact the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies and to amend various provisions mainly for the purpose of reducing the administrative burden of municipal bodies (2025, chapter 4) insofar as they enact sections 1 to 100, 115 to 136, 138 to 141, 143, 144, 146, 147, 149 to 157, 159, 160, 162 to 164, 166 to 174, 176, 177, 179 to 184, 186, 188 to 191, 193 to 198, 200 to 227, 229 to 236, 238 to 244, 248 to 250, 254, 255, 257, 259, 261 to 265 and 266, except insofar as that section applies to the first paragraph of section 112 and to section 137 of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01).

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Regulation to amend the Educational Childcare Regulation

WHEREAS, under subparagraphs 3, 11, 21, 23.1 and 24 of the first paragraph of section 106 of the Educational Childcare Act (chapter S-4.1.1), as amended by paragraph 1 of section 58 of the Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to improve access to the educational childcare services network and complete its development (2022, chapter 9), the Government may, by regulation, for part or all of Québec:

—set the maximum number of children permitted in an educational childcare provider's premises or play space, according to the dimensions and lay-out of the premises or play space, the age of the children and the services to be provided, and determine the cases, conditions and duration of the overlapping period during which more children than the number stated on the permit may be provided childcare in accordance with section 13.1;

—identify the records that must be kept by a permit holder or a home educational childcare coordinating office as well as the information and documents these records must contain, and define rules for their preservation;

—determine in particular the requirements to be met by a person seeking recognition as a home educational childcare provider or renewal of such recognition;

—establish the number, nature and terms of visits that a home educational childcare coordinating office is required to make to a home educational childcare provider;

—determine the information and documents a home educational childcare provider must communicate to the coordinating office that granted its recognition;

WHEREAS, under section 13.1 of the Educational Childcare Act, enacted by section 16 of the Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to improve access to the educational childcare services network and complete its development and amended by section 4 of the Act to promote equity in access to subsidized educational childcare services provided by permit holders (2025, chapter 17), permit holders may, when providing childcare to two groups of children successively in the same facility, provide childcare to a number of children that is higher than the number stated on the permit during a period in which arrivals and departures overlap, in the cases, on the conditions and without exceeding the duration determined by government regulation;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation to amend the Educational Childcare Regulation was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 26 November 2025 with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation with amendments;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Families:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Educational Childcare Regulation, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation to amend the Educational Childcare Regulation

Educational Childcare Act
(chapter S-4.1.1, s. 13.1 and s. 106, 1st par., subpars. 3, 11, 21, 23.1 and 24).

Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to improve access to the educational childcare services network and complete its development
(2022, chapter 9, s. 16 and s. 58, par. 1).

Act to promote equity in access to subsidized educational childcare services provided by permit holders
(2025, chapter 17, s. 4).

1. The Educational Childcare Regulation (chapter S-4.1.1, r. 2) is amended by inserting the following after section 8:

"**8.1.** A permit holder providing childcare to two groups of children successively in the same facility may, for a maximum period of 3 consecutive hours, provide childcare to a greater number of children than the maximum number stated on the permit due to the overlapping arrivals and departures of children in each of those groups, provided the number of children receiving childcare during that maximum 3-hour period does not exceed by more than 5 children or 15%, rounded down to the nearest whole number, the maximum number of children indicated on the permit, whichever is higher.

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A permit holder may, on the same conditions and for the same period, provide childcare to a number of children per age class or age class group that is higher than the maximum number of children per age class or age class group stated on the permit, provided the number of children to whom childcare is provided in the permit holder's facility during that period complies with the first paragraph.

8.2. A permit holder providing childcare to two groups of children successively in the same facility in accordance with section 8.1 must, during the maximum 3-hour period provided for in that section, comply with all the standards applicable under this Regulation, except the standards provided for in the following provisions:

(1) paragraphs 1 and 2 of section 31 as regards the minimum net play area that a permit holder must have in the facility;

(2) paragraph 3 of section 33, as regards the number of toilets and washbasins that the permit holder must have, and paragraph 6 of section 33;

(3) the first paragraph of section 36.".

2. The heading of subdivision 2 of Division II of Chapter II is replaced by the following: "Keeping of certain records".

3. Section 25 is amended by replacing subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph by the following:

"(2) for every person referred to in paragraphs 1 to 5 of section 81.2.1 of the Act, a copy of the person's valid attestation establishing that no impediment exists;

(3) for every person referred to in paragraphs 3 to 5 of section 81.2.1 of the Act, unless that person is part of the staff provided by a legal person providing replacement childcare staff, a copy of the latest attestation of a potential impediment concerning that person, accompanied, if applicable, by a certified true copy of the board of directors' resolution certifying that no impediment exists for the person concerned by the attestation.".

4. Section 73 is replaced by the following:

"**73.** The coordinating office must, before renewing recognition, interview each person over 14 years of age residing in the residence where the childcare is provided who has not already been interviewed under this Regulation.

After receiving the home educational childcare provider's application for the renewal of recognition, the coordinating office may request that any information and document required under the Act and its regulations be submitted if the information and documents in the record are no longer accurate or are incomplete or outdated.

A report must be drawn up on every interview conducted under the first paragraph.".

5. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Regulation respecting the minimum qualifications required to exercise supervision functions within a police force

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 116 of the Police Act (chapter P-13.1), as amended by section 14 of the Act to amend various provisions relating to public security and to enact the Act to assist in locating missing persons (2023, chapter 20), the Government may, by regulation, in the cases determined in the regulation, determine the minimum qualifications required, including training, to exercise managerial functions within a police force other than a specialized police force;

WHEREAS, under the second paragraph of section 116 of the Act, as amended by section 14 of the Act to amend various provisions relating to public security and to enact the Act to assist in locating missing persons, the regulation may prescribe methods for monitoring, supervising or evaluating the training requirements, penalties for a failure to comply with those requirements and, where applicable, exemptions from training;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation respecting the minimum qualifications required to exercise supervision functions within a police force was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 17 September 2025 with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation with amendments;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Public Security:

THAT the Regulation respecting the minimum qualifications required to exercise supervision functions within a police force, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation respecting the minimum qualifications required to exercise supervision functions within a police force

Police Act
(chapter P-13.1, s. 116, par. 1 and par. 2; 2023, chapter 20, s. 14).

DIVISION I
PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALITIES REQUIRED TO EXERCISE SUPERVISION FUNCTIONS

1. A police officer exercising supervision functions on a permanent basis within a police force other than a specialized police force must possess the following personal and professional qualities:

(1) leadership;

(2) sense of ethics;

(3) ability to communicate;

(4) judgment and decisiveness;

(5) ability to coordinate and adapt; and

(6) organizational skills.

DIVISION II
TRAINING REQUIRED TO EXERCISE SUPERVISION FUNCTIONS

2. A police officer exercising supervision functions on a permanent basis within a police force other than a specialized police force must successfully complete the Supervision section of the Basic training program in police management of the École nationale de police du Québec, which includes

(1) a component on fundamental management principles;

(2) a component on police work; and

(3) a component on the implementation and integration of the knowledge acquired.

3. As of the date on which a police officer begins exercising supervision functions on a permanent basis, the officer has a maximum period of 6 months to begin the training and a maximum period of 24 months to successfully complete it.

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Despite the first paragraph, a police officer who begins exercising supervision functions on a permanent basis within 12 months after 19 march 2026 has, as of the date on which the officer begins exercising those functions, a maximum period of 12 months to begin the training and a maximum period of 36 months to successfully complete it.

4. The director of a police force may, for a valid reason, grant an extension for a maximum period of 4 months to a police officer who did not begin the training within the period provided for in section 3. The director may also grant an extension to an officer who did not successfully complete the training within the period provided for in that section.

The extensions granted under the first paragraph may not exceed a total period of 12 months.

5. A police officer who has exercised supervision functions on a permanent basis for less than 2 years on 19 march 2026 or a police officer who exercised such functions for less than 2 years before that date and no longer does so,

(1) if the police officer successfully completed the Supervision de patrouille course or the Supervision d'enquêtes course of the École nationale de police du Québec, the officer is deemed to comply with paragraph 2 of section 2 and has a maximum period of 36 months as of 19 march 2026, or as of the date on which the officer resumes exercising supervision functions on a permanent basis, as applicable, to successfully complete the components of the training provided for in paragraphs 1 and 3 of section 2;

(2) if the police officer did not successfully complete the Supervision de patrouille course or the Supervision d'enquêtes course of the École nationale de police du Québec, the officer has a maximum period of 36 months as of 19 march 2026 or as of the date on which the officer resumes exercising supervision functions on a permanent basis, as applicable, to successfully complete the training provided for in section 2.

6. A police officer who has exercised supervision functions on a permanent basis for more than 2 years but less than 4 years on 19 march 2026, or a police officer who exercised such functions for more than 2 years but less than 4 years before that date and no longer does so,

(1) if the police officer successfully completed the Supervision de patrouille course or the Supervision d'enquêtes course of the École nationale de police du Québec, the officer is deemed to comply with paragraphs 2 and 3 of section 2 and has a maximum period of 36 months as of 19 march 2026, or as of the date on which the officer resumes exercising supervision functions on a permanent basis, as applicable, to successfully complete the component of the training provided for in paragraph 1 of section 2;

(2) if the police officer did not successfully complete the Supervision de patrouille course or the Supervision d'enquêtes course of the École nationale de police du Québec, the officer is deemed to comply with paragraph 3 of section 2 and has a maximum period of 36 months as of 19 march 2026 or as of the date on which the officer resumes exercising supervision functions on a permanent basis, as applicable, to successfully complete the components of the training provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2 of section 2.

7. A police officer who has exercised supervision functions on a permanent basis for more than 4 years on 19 march 2026 or a police officer who exercised such functions for more than 4 years before that date and no longer does so is deemed to comply with section 2.

8. A police officer who had never exercised supervision functions on a permanent basis on 19 march 2026 and who successfully completed the Supervision de patrouille course or the Supervision d'enquêtes course of the École nationale de police du Québec within the 5 years preceding the date on which the officer begins exercising such functions is deemed to comply with paragraph 2 of section 2.

9. Notwithstanding sections 5 to 7, the director of a police force may, for a valid reason, require that a police officer who exercised supervision functions before 19 march 2026 and no longer exercises such functions successfully complete one or more of the components provided for in section 2; the officer is deemed to comply with section 2 within the period indicated therein.

The director may also, for a valid reason, grant an extension for a maximum period of 6 months to a police officer referred to in sections 5 and 6 who did not successfully complete the training within the period provided for in one of those sections.

10. The director of a police force may, for a valid reason and with the authorization of the Minister of Public Security, grant an extension in addition to the ones granted under sections 4 and 9.

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11. Upon granting an extension under this Regulation, the director of a police force must inform the École nationale de police du Québec. In addition, the director informs the Minister annually of the reasons for and duration of each extension.

12. A police officer exercising supervision functions on a permanent basis who has not successfully completed the training on the expiry of the maximum period for doing so or on the expiry of an extension granted under section 4, 9 or 10 must be subject to a supervision plan approved by the director of the police force or be reassigned to other functions by the director until the officer successfully completes the training.

13. An equivalence for a training activity provided for in this Regulation may be granted in accordance with the By-law to establish the Training Plan Regulation of the École nationale de police du Québec (chapter P-13.1, r. 4).

DIVISION III
FINAL

14. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Regulation to amend the Decree respecting building service employees in the Montréal region

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 6.1 of the Act respecting collective agreement decrees (chapter D-2), sections 4 to 6 of the Act apply to an application for amendment;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the first paragraph of section 4 of the Act, the Comité paritaire de l'entretien d'édifices publics, région de Montréal sent an application for amendment of the Decree to the Minister of Labour;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 6 of the Act, at the expiry of the time specified in the notice provided for in the first paragraph of section 5 of the Act, the Minister may recommend that the Government issue a decree ordering the extension of the agreement, with such changes as are deemed expedient;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1) and the first paragraph of section 5 of the Act respecting collective agreement decrees, a draft Regulation to amend the Decree respecting building service employees in the Montréal region was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 5 November 2025 as well as in a French language newspaper and in an English language newspaper, with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS, under section 7 of the Act respecting collective agreement decrees, notwithstanding section 17 of the Regulations Act, a decree comes into force on the day of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* or on any later date fixed therein;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation without amendment;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Decree respecting building service employees in the Montréal region, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation to amend the Decree respecting building service employees in the Montréal region

Act respecting collective agreement decrees
(chapter D-2, s. 4, 1st par., s. 6, 1st par. and s. 6.1, 1st par.).

1. The Decree respecting building service employees in the Montréal region (chapter D-2, r. 15) is amended in section 3.01

(1) by replacing subparagraph 6 of the second paragraph by the following:

"(6) a workweek may not exceed the standard workweek by more than 10 hours;";

(2) by striking out "or renewed by the employer on its expiry" in the third paragraph.

2. Section 3.08 is amended by replacing "3 hours" in the second paragraph by "4 hours".

3. Section 3.09 is amended by replacing "3 hours" by "4 hours".

4. Section 3.10 is amended by replacing "3 hours", wherever it appears, by "4 hours".

5. Section 6.01 is replaced by the following:

"**6.01.** An employee receives at least the following hourly wage:

(1) as of 4 March 2026:

(*a*) Class A: $23.25;

(*b*) Class B: $23.25;

(*c*) Class C: $23.90;

(2) as of 1 November 2026:

(*a*) Class A: $23.83;

(*b*) Class B: $23.83;

(*c*) Class C: $24.49;

(3) as of 1 November 2027:

(*a*) Class A: $24.43;

(*b*) Class B: $24.43;

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(*c*) Class C: $25.10;

(4) as of 1 November 2028:

(*a*) Class A: $25.10;

(*b*) Class B: $25.10;

(*c*) Class C: $25.80;

(5) as of 1 November 2029:

(*a*) Class A: $25.79;

(*b*) Class B: $25.79;

(*c*) Class C: $26.50;

(6) as of 1 November 2030:

(*a*) Class A: $26.63;

(*b*) Class B: $26.63;

(*c*) Class C: $27.37.".

6. The following is inserted after section 6.03:

"**6.04.** An employee who works most of the hours of a shift between midnight and 8 a.m. receives, for each hour worked, a night shift bonus of at least,

(1) as of 4 March 2026: $0.25;

(2) as of 1 November 2026: $0.50;

(3) as of 1 November 2027: $0.75;

(4) as of 1 November 2028: $1.00.".

7. Section 6.102 is replaced by the following:

"**6.102.** An employee who has regular employee status is eligible for the group retirement plan.

The employer's contribution to the plan is $0.20 per hour paid to the employee.

Once an employee acquires the status of regular employee, the employer must pay the contribution to the plan for the hours paid before the employee obtained that status.".

8. Section 6.103 is amended by adding the following at the end:

"The employer must also send to the Parity Committee, not later than the 15th day of the month following the date on which the employee acquired regular status, the employer's contribution for the hours paid before status was obtained, as well as any volunteer contribution from the employee for that period.".

9. Section 6.105 is amended

(1) by replacing "the first day of employment" in the first paragraph by "the date of acquiring regular status";

(2) by inserting "having acquired regular status during the preceding month" at the end of the third paragraph.

10. Section 8.04 is amended by replacing "10 years" by "8 years".

11. Section 8.04.1 is amended by replacing "23 years" by "20 years".

12. Section 8.04.2 is amended by replacing "33 years" by "30 years".

13. Section 8.05 is amended by inserting ", at the option of the employee" at the end.

14. Section 8.10 is amended

(1) by inserting "or at any other time provided for in the agreement" at the end;

(2) by adding the following at the end:

"At the end of the 12 months following the end of a reference year, the employer must immediately pay the indemnity for the annual vacation to which the employee is entitled.".

15. Section 9.06 is amended by inserting "except a medical certificate" at the end of the fourth paragraph.

16. Section 9.09 is amended by inserting the following after the second paragraph:

"The employer may not, however, request the document referred to in the second paragraph for the first 3 periods of absence of a duration of 3 consecutive days or less taken over a period of 12 months.".

17. Section 10.02 is amended in the first paragraph

(1) by inserting "annual vacation days and" after "number of" in subparagraph 11;

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(2) by inserting "as well as the nature and amount of premiums" at the end of subparagraph 12.

18. Section 12.03 is amended

(1) by replacing the last sentence by the following: "The employer may request a document attesting to the reasons for that absence before paying the sick leave to the employee.";

(2) by adding the following at the end:

"The employer may not, however, request the document referred to in the first paragraph for the first 3 periods of absence of a duration of 3 consecutive days or less taken over a period of 12 months.

The employer must reimburse the employee for the fee charged to issue the document on the paycheck following the presentation of the receipt to the employer.".

19. The following is inserted after section 12.04:

"**12.05.** The employer is not required to pay the credit of sick leave hours upon the termination of an employee's employment, except in the following cases:

(1) the employee is laid off for a period of 6 months or more and is not entitled to recall privileges under a collective agreement;

(2) the employee is laid off, is entitled to recall privileges for a period of 6 months or more under a collective agreement and loses his or her seniority under the rules of that collective agreement; or

(3) the employee is retiring and a record of employment indicating that reason is issued.".

20. Section 14.01 is amended by replacing "2024", wherever it appears, by "2030".

21. This Regulation comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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O.C. 201-2026, 18 February 2026

Regulation to amend the Decree respecting solid waste removal in the Montréal region

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 6.1 of the Act respecting collective agreement decrees (chapter D-2), sections 4 to 6 of the Act apply to an application for amendment;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the first paragraph of section 4 of the Act, the Comité paritaire des boueurs de la région de Montréal addressed to the Minister of Labour an application for amendment to the Decree;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 6 of the Act, at the expiry of the time specified in the notice provided for in the first paragraph of section 5 of the Act, the Minister may recommend that the Government issue a decree ordering the extension of the agreement, with such changes as are deemed expedient;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1) and the first paragraph of section 5 of the Act respecting collective agreement decrees, a draft Regulation to amend the Decree respecting solid waste removal in the Montréal region was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 5 November 2025, and in a French language newspaper and in an English language newspaper, with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS, under section 7 of the Act respecting collective agreement decrees, notwithstanding section 17 of the Regulations Act, a decree comes into force on the day of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* or on any later date fixed therein;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation without amendment;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Decree respecting solid waste removal in the Montréal region, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation to amend the Decree respecting solid waste removal in the Montréal region

Act respecting collective agreement decrees
(chapter D-2, s. 4, 1st par., s. 6, 1st par., and s. 6.1, 1st par.).

1. The Decree respecting solid waste removal in the Montréal region (chapter D-2, r. 5) is amended by replacing section 6.01 by the following:

"**6.01.** The minimum hourly wage is the following:

Class of employment	As of 23 May 2025	As of 23 May 2026	As of 23 May 2027	As of 23 May 2028
Class A employee:				
(*a*) Driver:				
i. self-loading truck:	$25.40	$26.16	$26.88	$27.55
ii. side-loading truck:	$26.29	$27.08	$27.82	$28.52
iii. other vehicle:	$25.19	$25.95	$26.66	$27.33
(*b*) Helper:	$24.87	$25.62	$26.32	$26.98
Class B employee:				
(*a*) Truck driver any category:	$24.61	$25.35	$26.05	$26.70
(*b*) Helper:	$24.33	$25.06	$25.75	$26.39

".

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2. Section 13.01 is amended by replacing “2021” and “2020” by “2029” and “2028”, respectively.

3. This Regulation comes into force on the day of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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O.C. 209-2026, 25 February 2026

Regulation respecting discrimination on the basis of territory applicable to certain contracts of municipal bodies involving an expenditure equal to or greater than $20,000,000

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 136 of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01), the Government may make regulations to determine any authorization, condition or rule relating to the awarding of contracts, in addition to those prescribed by the Act, to which a contract of a municipal body is subject;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation respecting discrimination on the basis of territory applicable to certain contracts of municipal bodies involving an expenditure equal to or greater than $20,000,000 was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 30 July 2025 with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation with amendments;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs:

THAT the Regulation respecting discrimination on the basis of territory applicable to certain contracts of municipal bodies involving an expenditure equal to or greater than $20,000,000, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation respecting discrimination on the basis of territory applicable to certain contracts of municipal bodies involving an expenditure equal to or greater than $20,000,000

Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01, s. 136, 1st par., subpar. 1).

1. The awarding of a contract involving an expenditure equal to or greater than $20,000,000 and referred to in any of section 7, to the extent that it is a contract referred to in subparagraph b of paragraph 2 of section 6, and sections 9 to 11 of the Regulation respecting discrimination on the basis of territory allowed when awarding certain contracts of municipal bodies or during a process for certification or qualification, made by the Order of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated 27 January 2026, must be authorized by the Government, unless the documents of the call for tenders published for the awarding of the contract include measures to discriminate on the basis of territory provided for with regard to the contract by any of those sections.

To obtain the authorization provided for in the first paragraph, a municipal body must show by a serious analysis that the measures to discriminate on the basis of territory provided for with regard to the contract by any of the sections referred to in that paragraph would so restrict procurement that there is a real risk of no tender being submitted.

2. This Regulation comes into force on 1 April 2026.

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O.C. 210-2026, 25 February 2026

Regulation respecting the awarding of certain contracts of municipal bodies according to a procedure by written invitation or by mutual agreement

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph of section 33 of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01), despite sections 29 and 30 of the Act, a contract may be awarded by written invitation or by mutual agreement in any other case, to any enterprise or to any category of enterprises and on the conditions determined by government regulation;

WHEREAS, under section 261 of the Act, the provisions of the order of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Greater Montréal dated 10 December 1999 (1999, G.O. 2, 6945, French only) and the order of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Sports and Recreation dated 1 September 2004 (2004, G.O. 2, 2622) continue to apply until replaced or repealed by a regulation made in accordance with subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph of section 33 of the Act;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation respecting the awarding of certain contracts of municipal bodies according to a procedure by written invitation or by mutual agreement was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 26 November 2025 with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation without amendment;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs:

THAT the Regulation respecting the awarding of certain contracts of municipal bodies according to a procedure by written invitation or by mutual agreement, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation respecting the awarding of certain contracts of municipal bodies according to a procedure by written invitation or by mutual agreement

Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01, s. 33, 1st par., subpar. 5, and s. 261).

CHAPTER I
OBJECT AND DEFINITIONS

1. This Regulation determines the conditions on which a contract may be awarded, despite sections 29 and 30 of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01), according to a procedure by written invitation or by mutual agreement and the categories of enterprises to which a contract may be awarded according to such a procedure.

For the purposes of this Regulation, a municipal body that is not subject to an intergovernmental agreement is considered to be a local municipality for the purposes of the rules set out in the agreement.

2. For the purposes of this Regulation,

"Canada-European Union Agreement" means the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union and its Member States;

"services contract covered by the Canada-European Union Agreement" means a services contract covered by the Canada-European Union Agreement within the meaning of the draft Regulation respecting the threshold and time periods applicable when awarding certain contracts of municipal bodies, made by the Order of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated 27 January 2026.

CHAPTER II
CONDITIONS ON WHICH CERTAIN CONTRACTS MAY BE AWARDED BY WRITTEN INVITATION OR BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT

3. A supply contract may be awarded by written invitation or by mutual agreement if

(1) it is awarded to a non-profit organization and involves an expenditure below the threshold from which the municipal body must, under the Canada-European Union Agreement, offer to enterprises that have an establishment in a territory covered by the agreement to submit a tender for such a contract; or

(2) it is related to the cultural sector.

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4. A construction contract or a service contract may be awarded by written invitation or by mutual agreement if

(1) it is a contract whose object is the performance of work to remove, move or reconstruct mains or installations for waterworks, sewers, electricity, gas, steam, telecommunications, oil or other fluids and is awarded to the owner of the mains or installations, or to a public utility for a price corresponding to their fair market value; or

(2) it is a contract whose object is the performance of work on a railway right-of-way used as such and is awarded to the owner or operator of the railway for a price corresponding to their fair market value.

5. A services contract may be awarded by written invitation or by mutual agreement if

(1) it is awarded to a non-profit organization and

(*a*) it is not a services contract covered by the Canada-European Union Agreement; or

(*b*) it involves an expenditure below the threshold from which the municipal body must, under the Canada-European Union Agreement, offer to enterprises that have an establishment in a territory covered by the agreement to submit a tender for such a contract;

(2) it is awarded to a solidarity cooperative designated by the Minister under subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph of section 4 of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01) whose articles include a clause prohibiting the allotment of rebates or the payment of interest on any category of preferred shares unless the rebate is allotted or the interest is paid to a municipality, the Union des municipalités du Québec or the Fédération québécoise des municipalités locales et régionales (FQM);

(3) it is related to the cultural sector;

(4) it is a contract whose object is the supply of media space for the purposes of a publicity campaign or for promotional purposes;

(5) it is a bulk trucking contract awarded through the holder of a brokerage permit issued under the Transport Act (chapter T-12);

(6) it is a financial services contract that is not an insurance contract;

(7) it is a contract whose object is the supply of professional services necessary for the purposes of a proceeding before a tribunal, or a body or person exercising judicial or adjudicative functions;

(8) it is a contract whose object is the supply of professional services that may only be rendered by a health and social services professional who is a member of a professional order referred to in the Professional Code (chapter C-26); or

(9) it is an insurance contract awarded by a public transit authority or by the Réseau de transport métropolitain.

6. Supply or cloud services contracts may be awarded by mutual agreement to an enterprise that is a party to a framework agreement entered into with the Minister of Cybersecurity and Digital Technology when

(1) the contract concerns goods or services referred to in the framework agreement;

(2) the term of the contract, including any renewal, does not exceed 3 years;

(3) the enterprise retained is the one whose tender is the most advantageous based on the price of the contract or any other criteria related to the object of the contract, such as technological compatibility, accessibility of goods or services, performance and technical assistance; and

(4) the goods or services referred to in the framework agreement take into account the applicable criteria related to security, levels of services and compliance.

7. A contract whose object is the supply of professional services that may only be rendered by an advocate or a notary may be awarded

(1) by written invitation if the contract involves an expenditure equal to or above the threshold determined for the purposes of section 29 of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01); or

(2) by mutual agreement if the contract involves an expenditure below that threshold.

8. A contract for professional services may be awarded by mutual agreement to an enterprise that drew up plans and specifications for the municipal body under a contract that was awarded to the enterprise according to an open procedure or by written invitation if the object of the contract is the adaptation or modification of those plans and specifications for the carrying out of the work for the

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purposes of which they were drawn up or the supervision of the work related to such adaptation or modification, or an extension of the duration of the work.

9. A supply or services contract involving an expenditure below the threshold determined for the purposes of section 29 of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01) may be awarded by mutual agreement to a solidarity cooperative whose articles include a clause prohibiting the allotment of rebates or the payment of interest on any category of preferred shares unless the rebate is allotted or the interest is paid to a municipality, the Union des municipalités du Québec or the Fédération québécoise des municipalités locales et régionales (FQM).

CHAPTER III
FINAL

10. The order of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Greater Montréal dated 10 December 1999 (1999, G.O. 2, 6945, French only) and the order of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Sports and Recreation dated 1 September 2004 (2004, G.O. 2, 2622) are revoked.

11. This Regulation comes into force on 1 April 2026.

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O.C. 211-2026, 25 February 2026

Regulation to amend the Regulation to impose conditions for the awarding of certain supply contracts by municipal bodies

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 573.3.1.1 of the Cities and Towns Act (chapter C-19), section 938.1.1 of the Municipal Code of Québec (chapter C-27.1), section 113.1 of the Act respecting the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (chapter C-37.01), section 106.1 of the Act respecting the Communauté métropolitaine de Québec (chapter C-37.02) and section 103.1 of the Act respecting public transit authorities (chapter S-30.01), in compliance with any applicable intergovernmental agreement on the opening of public procurement, the Government may make regulations to determine any authorization, condition or rule relating to the awarding of contracts, in addition to those set out or provided for in those Acts, to which a contract is subject;

WHEREAS, under the second paragraph of those sections, the regulation may prescribe categories of contracts or municipalities, combine categories and determine different authorizations, conditions or rules relating to the awarding of contracts, according to the categories or combinations;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 136 of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01), the Government may make regulations to determine any authorization, condition or rule relating to the awarding of contracts, in addition to those prescribed by the Act, to which a contract of a municipal body is subject;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 1 of section 12 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a proposed regulation may be made without having been published if the authority making it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 18 of the Regulations Act, a regulation may come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* where the authority that has made it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

WHEREAS, under section 13 and the second paragraph of section 18 of the Regulations Act, the reason justifying the absence of publication and such coming into force must be published with the regulation;

WHEREAS the Government is of the opinion that the urgency owing to the following circumstances justifies the absence of publication and such coming into force:

— the United States of America have unilaterally imposed tariffs on products originating from Canada as of 4 March 2025;

— the Gouvernement du Québec has taken countermeasures with respect to municipal bodies and other public bodies in response to the imposition of those tariffs;

— despite numerous talks regarding the lifting of the tariffs, they have multiplied and largely continue to apply;

— hasty steps to renew those countermeasures could have hindered the talks regarding the lifting of the tariffs;

— it is expedient that municipal bodies continue to take part in the implementation of countermeasures when awarding certain contracts in order to protect the Québec economy;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation to amend the Regulation to impose conditions for the awarding of certain supply contracts by municipal bodies;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Regulation to impose conditions for the awarding of certain supply contracts by municipal bodies, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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Regulation to amend the Regulation to impose conditions for the awarding of certain supply contracts by municipal bodies

Cities and Towns Act
(chapter C-19, s. 573.3.1.1, 1st par., subpar. 1, and 2nd par.).

Municipal Code of Québec
(chapter C-27.1, s. 938.1.1, 1st par., subpar. 1, and 2nd par.).

Act respecting the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal
(chapter C-37.01, s. 113.1, 1st par., subpar. 1, and 2nd par.).

Act respecting the Communauté métropolitaine de Québec
(chapter C-37.02, s. 106.1, 1st par., subpar. 1, and 2nd par.).

Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies
(chapter C-65.01, s. 136, 1st par., subpar. 1).

Act respecting public transit authorities
(chapter S-30.01, s. 103.1, 1st par., subpar. 1, and 2nd par.).

1. The Regulation to impose conditions for the awarding of certain supply contracts by municipal bodies, made by Order in Council 214-2025 dated 5 March 2025, is amended in section 1 by striking out the definition of "intergovernmental agreement".

2. Sections 3 to 5 are replaced by the following:

"**3.** Call for tender documents whose object is the awarding, according to an open procedure, of a contract referred to in section 2 must, for the sole purpose of determining the successful tenderer, impose a penalty in the form of an increase by 10% to 25% of the price submitted by an enterprise having an establishment in the United States of America but not in Québec or in a territory covered by an applicable intergovernmental agreement.

4. The percentage of increase determined under section 3 must be specified in the call for tender documents.

5. Call for tender documents whose object is the awarding, according to a procedure by written invitation, of a contract referred to in section 2 must be sent only to enterprises having an establishment in Québec or in a territory covered by an applicable intergovernmental agreement.".

3. Section 8 is amended by replacing "2026" by "2027".

4. This Regulation comes into force on 4 March 2026, except sections 1 and 2, which come into force on 1 April 2026.

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Order of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated 27 January 2026

Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01)

Regulation respecting discrimination on the basis of territory allowed when awarding certain contracts of municipal bodies or during a process for certification or qualification

MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING,

CONSIDERING the third paragraph of section 8 of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01), which provides that a regulation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs defines what constitutes Québec or otherwise Canadian goods and services and which enterprises constitute enterprises that have an establishment in Québec or elsewhere in Canada;

CONSIDERING the second paragraph of section 22 of the Act, which provides that a regulation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs prescribes the cases in which and the conditions on which a process for the certification of goods or the qualification of enterprises may discriminate on the basis of territory;

CONSIDERING subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 39 of the Act, which provides that the tender documents may, in particular, provide, in the cases and on the conditions determined by a regulation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, evaluation criteria that discriminate on the basis of territory or limits to the territory from which the tenders originate;

CONSIDERING section 83 of the Act, which provides that the provisions of section 39 of the Act apply, with the necessary modifications, to the awarding of a contract by written invitation;

CONSIDERING section 263 of the Act, which provides that the Regulation ordering the applicable thresholds, ceilings and time periods when awarding certain municipal contracts (chapter C-19, r. 5) continues to apply, to the extent that it is consistent with the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01), until it is repealed or replaced by a regulation made under the Act;

CONSIDERING that, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation respecting discrimination on the basis of territory allowed when awarding certain contracts of municipal bodies or during a process for certification or qualification was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 30 July 2025 with a notice that it could be made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to make the Regulation with amendments;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The draft Regulation respecting discrimination on the basis of territory allowed when awarding certain contracts of municipal bodies or during a process for certification or qualification, attached to this Order, is hereby made.

Québec, 27 January 2026

GENEVIÈVE GUILBAULT
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Regulation respecting discrimination on the basis of territory allowed when awarding certain contracts of municipal bodies or during a process for certification or qualification

Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01, s. 8, 3rd par., s. 22, 2nd par., s. 39, 1st par., subpar. 2, ss. 83 and 263).

CHAPTER I
OBJECT AND DEFINITIONS

1. This Regulation determines the cases in which and the conditions on which the following documents may discriminate on the basis of territory:

(1) the tender documents published or sent by a municipal body for the awarding of a supply, construction, services or partnership contract according to an open procedure or by written invitation;

(2) the documents referred to in the first paragraph of section 22 of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01) published by a municipal body for establishing a process for the certification of goods or the qualification of enterprises for the awarding of a contract referred to in subparagraph 1.

For the purposes of this Regulation, a municipal body that is not subject to an intergovernmental agreement is considered to be a local municipality for the purposes of the rules set out in the agreement.

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2. For the purposes of this Regulation,

"Canada-European Union Agreement" means the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union and its Member States;

"services contract covered by the Canada-European Union Agreement" means a services contract covered by the Canada-European Union Agreement within the meaning of the Regulation respecting the threshold and time periods applicable when awarding certain contracts of municipal bodies, made by the Order of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated 27 January 2026.

CHAPTER II
DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF TERRITORY ALLOWED WHEN AWARDING A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO AN OPEN PROCEDURE OR DURING A PROCESS FOR CERTIFICATION OR QUALIFICATION

DIVISION I
GENERAL

§1. Discrimination on the basis of territory related to the territory from which the tenders or applications for the granting of the certification or qualification originate

3. The tender documents published for the awarding, according to an open procedure, of a supply or partnership contract and the documents published for establishing a process for the certification of goods or the qualification of an enterprise for the awarding of such a contract may provide that only the tenders or applications presented by the following enterprises are accepted:

(1) enterprises that have an establishment in Canada when the contract to be awarded involves an expenditure below the threshold from which the municipal body must, under the Canada-European Union Agreement, offer to enterprises that have an establishment in a territory covered by the agreement to submit a tender for such a contract;

(2) enterprises that have an establishment in a territory covered by the Canada-European Union Agreement when the contract to be awarded involves an expenditure equal to or greater than the threshold set in paragraph 1.

4. The tender documents published for the awarding, according to an open procedure, of a construction contract and the documents published for establishing a process for the qualification of an enterprise for the awarding of such a contract may provide that only the tenders or applications presented by the following enterprises are accepted:

(1) enterprises that have an establishment in Québec or in Ontario when the contract to be awarded involves an expenditure below the threshold from which the municipal body must, under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, offer to enterprises that have an establishment in a territory covered by the agreement to submit a tender for such a contract;

(2) enterprises that have an establishment in Canada when the contract to be awarded involves an expenditure below the threshold from which the municipal body must, under the Canada-European Union Agreement, offer to enterprises that have an establishment in a territory covered by the agreement to submit a tender for such a contract;

(3) enterprises that have an establishment in a territory covered by the Canada-European Union Agreement when the contract to be awarded involves an expenditure equal to or greater than the threshold set in paragraph 2.

5. The tender documents published for the awarding, according to an open procedure, of a services contract and the documents published for establishing a process for the qualification of an enterprise for the awarding of such a contract may provide that only the tenders or applications presented by the following enterprises are accepted:

(1) enterprises that have an establishment in Canada, when

(*a*) the contract to be awarded involves an expenditure below the threshold from which the municipal body must, under the Canada-European Union Agreement, offer to enterprises that have an establishment in a territory covered by the agreement to submit a tender for such a contract; or

(*b*) the contract to be awarded is a contract other than a services contract covered by the Canada-European Union Agreement;

(2) enterprises that have an establishment in a territory covered by the Canada-European Union Agreement when the contract to be awarded is a services contract covered by the Canada-European Union Agreement that involves an expenditure equal to or greater than the threshold from which the municipal body must offer to enterprises that have an establishment in a territory covered by the agreement to submit a tender for such a contract.

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§2. Discrimination on the basis of territory related to the origin of goods, services or enterprises participating in the performance of the contract

6. The tender documents published for the awarding, according to an open procedure, of a contract and the documents published for establishing a process for the certification of goods or the qualification of an enterprise for the awarding of such a contract may provide that only the tenders or applications providing that all or part of the goods or services provided must be Canadian or all or part of the enterprises participating in the performance of the contract must have an establishment in Canada in the following cases are accepted:

(1) their object is the awarding of a supply, construction or partnership contract or the certification of goods or the qualification of an enterprise for the awarding of such a contract and the contract to be awarded involves an expenditure below the threshold from which the municipal body must, under the Canada-European Union Agreement, offer to enterprises that have an establishment in a territory covered by the agreement to submit a tender for such a contract;

(2) their object is the awarding of a services contract or the qualification of an enterprise for the awarding of such a contract and

(*a*) the contract to be awarded involves an expenditure below the threshold from which the municipal body must, under the Canada-European Union Agreement, offer to enterprises that have an establishment in a territory covered by the agreement to submit a tender for such a contract; or

(*b*) the contract to be awarded is a contract other than a services contract covered by the Canada-European Union Agreement.

7. The tender documents whose object is the awarding, according to an open procedure using an overall criteria evaluation system, a system in which knowledge of the price is deferred or a system adapted to the equipment or infrastructure project, of a contract referred to in section 6 and the documents published for establishing a process for the certification of goods or the qualification of an enterprise for the awarding of such a contract may provide an evaluation criterion according to which part of the goods or services must be Canadian or according to which part of the enterprises participating in the performance of the contract must have an establishment in Canada. The maximum number of points that may be assigned to the evaluation criterion may not be greater than 10% of the total number of points for all the criteria.

8. For the purposes of sections 6 and 7, goods are deemed to be Canadian goods if assembled in Canada, even if some of their parts do not come from Canada

DIVISION II
PROVISIONS SPECIFIC TO CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF CONTRACTS

9. The tender documents whose object is the awarding, according to an open procedure, of a single contract providing for the design and construction of a transportation infrastructure may require that the engineering services related to the contract be provided by an enterprise having an establishment in Canada.

10. The tender documents whose object is the awarding, according to an open procedure, of a contract for the operation of equipment or infrastructure may require that a service intended for the public be provided by an enterprise having an establishment in Canada.

11. The tender documents whose object is the awarding, according to an open procedure, of a contract for the acquisition of mass transit vehicles may require that a percentage that does not exceed 25% of the total contract be subcontracted in Canada and that the vehicles' final assembly be included in the subcontracted work.

For the purposes of the first paragraph, assembly includes

(1) the installation and interconnection of the following parts:

(*a*) engine, propulsion control system and auxiliary power;

(*b*) transmission;

(*c*) axles, suspension or differential;

(*d*) brake system;

(*e*) ventilation, heating or air conditioning system;

(*f*) frames;

(*g*) pneumatic or electrical systems;

(*h*) door system;

(*i*) passenger seats and handrails;

(*j*) information and destination indicator system and remote monitoring system;

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(*k*) wheelchair access ramp;

(2) the vehicles' final inspection, test and final preparation for delivery.

CHAPTER III
DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF TERRITORY ALLOWED WHEN AWARDING A CONTRACT BY WRITTEN INVITATION

12. The tender documents sent for the awarding of a contract by written invitation may provide a criterion that discriminates on the basis of territory, in particular as regards the origin of all or part of the goods or services required for the performance of the contract.

CHAPTER IV

FINAL

13. Sections 3 to 4.3 of the Regulation ordering the applicable thresholds, ceilings and time periods when awarding certain municipal contracts (chapter C-19, r. 5) are revoked.

14. This Regulation comes into force on 1 April 2026.

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Order of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated 19 February 2026

Act respecting municipal taxation
(chapter F-2.1, s. 263)

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the form and minimum content of various documents relative to municipal taxation

THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS,

CONSIDERING subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 263 of the Act respecting municipal taxation (chapter F-2.1), as amended by paragraph 1 of section 184 of chapter 32 of the statutes of 2025, which provides that the Minister of Municipal Affairs may by regulation prescribe the form and content of the property assessment roll; prescribe the process by which the rolls are to be prepared and kept up to date; prescribe the information to be collected and established for the purpose of preparing the rolls and keeping them up to date, the form in which it must be sent to a person who is entitled to obtain it under the law and the information that is to accompany the rolls on their deposit; prescribe rules to favour continuity between successive rolls; require the assessor to transmit to the Minister, free of charge, the information included in the summary of the roll in the cases and according to the rules determined by the Minister; refer to a manual containing matters contemplated by the Act, as it exists at the time that the assessor must apply it, provided that the Minister gives notice in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of each updating of the manual made after the coming into force of the regulations under that paragraph;

CONSIDERING subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 263 of the Act, which provides that the Minister may prescribe the form or content of the following documents: notices of assessment, municipal tax accounts, assessor's certificates, forms for applications for review, notices contemplated in section 153 or 180 of the Act respecting municipal taxation, and demands for payment of a tax supplement;

CONSIDERING that, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the form and minimum content of various documents relative to municipal taxation was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 24 December 2025 with a notice that it could be made on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to make the Regulation without amendment;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the form and minimum content of various documents relative to municipal taxation, attached to this Order in Council, is hereby made.

Québec, 19 February 2026

GENEVIÈVE GUILBAULT
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the form and minimum content of various documents relative to municipal taxation

Act respecting municipal taxation
(chapter F-2.1, s. 263, 1st par., subpars. 1 and 2).

1. The Regulation respecting the form and minimum content of various documents relative to municipal taxation (chapter F-2.1, r. 6.1) is amended in section 9

(1) by inserting the following after paragraph 2:

"(2.1) the number of connections to a waterworks or sewer system, or a storm sewer main included in the unit;".

(2) by inserting the following after paragraph 5:

"(5.0.1) the area of workable but unworked agricultural land included in the unit;";

2. Schedule V is amended

(1) by inserting the following after "Number of rental rooms" in the "Display name" column of the "Characteristics of the unit of assessment" section:

"Number of connections to a waterworks system

Number of connections to a sewer system

Number of connections to a storm sewer main".

(2) by inserting "Area of workable but unworked agricultural land" after "Registered agricultural operation" in the "Display name" column of the "Characteristics of the unit of assessment" section.

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3. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Order of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated 20 February 2026

Act respecting municipal taxation
(chapter F-2.1)

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the real estate assessment roll

THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS,

CONSIDERING subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 263 of the Act respecting municipal taxation (chapter F-2.1), as amended by paragraph 1 of section 184 of chapter 32 of the statutes of 2025, which provides that the Minister of Municipal Affairs may by regulation prescribe the form and content of the property assessment roll; prescribe the process by which the roll is to be prepared and kept up to date; prescribe the information to be collected and established for the purpose of preparing the roll and keeping it up to date, the form in which it must be sent to a person who is entitled to obtain it under the law and the information that is to accompany the roll on its deposit; prescribe rules to favour continuity between successive rolls; require the assessor to transmit to the Minister, free of charge, the information included in the summary of the roll in the cases and according to the rules determined by the Minister; refer to a manual containing matters contemplated by the Act, as it exists at the time that the assessor must apply it, provided that the Minister gives notice in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of each updating of the manual made after the coming into force of the regulations under this paragraph;

CONSIDERING that, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the real estate assessment roll was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 31 December 2025 with a notice that it could be made on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to make the Regulation without amendment;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the real estate assessment roll, attached to this Order, is hereby made.

Québec, 20 February 2026

GENEVIÈVE GUILBAULT
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the real estate assessment roll

Act respecting municipal taxation
(chapter F-2.1, s. 263, 1st par., subpar. 1).

1. The Regulation respecting the real estate assessment roll (chapter F-2.1, r. 13) is amended in section 4 by striking out the third paragraph.

2. Section 8 is amended by striking out the second paragraph.

3. Section 12.2 is amended by striking out the third paragraph.

4. Section 14 is amended by replacing "$1,000" in the fourth paragraph by "$5,000".

5. Section 23 is revoked.

6. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Order of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated 27 January 2026

Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01)

Regulation respecting the threshold and time periods applicable when awarding certain contracts of municipal bodies

MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING,

CONSIDERING section 29 of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01), which provides that any contract involving an expenditure equal to or above the threshold determined by a regulation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs must be awarded according to an open procedure;

CONSIDERING section 45 of the Act, which provides that a regulation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs sets the minimum time periods for the receipt of tenders by a municipal body;

CONSIDERING section 83 of the Act, which provides that the provisions of section 45 of the Act apply, with the necessary modifications, to the awarding of a contract by written invitation;

CONSIDERING section 263 of the Act, which provides that the Regulation ordering the applicable thresholds, ceilings and time periods when awarding certain municipal contracts (chapter C-19, r. 5) continues to apply, to the extent that it is consistent with the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01), until it is repealed or replaced by a regulation made under the Act;

CONSIDERING that, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation respecting the threshold and time periods applicable when awarding certain contracts of municipal bodies was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 30 July 2025 with a notice that it could be made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to make the Regulation with amendments;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The Regulation respecting the threshold and time periods applicable when awarding certain contracts of municipal bodies, attached to this Order, is hereby made.

Québec, 27 January 2026

GENEVIÈVE GUILBAULT
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Regulation respecting the threshold and time periods applicable when awarding certain contracts of municipal bodies

Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01, ss. 29, 45, 83 and 263).

CHAPTER I
OBJECT AND DEFINITIONS

1. This Regulation determines the expenditure threshold from which a supply, construction, services or partnership contract must be awarded according to an open procedure by a municipal body and the minimum time period for the receipt of tenders by the municipal body following, in the case of an open procedure, the publication of the notice on the electronic tendering system or, in the case of a procedure by written invitation, the transmission of invitations to tender.

For the purposes of this Regulation, a municipal body that is not subject to an intergovernmental agreement is considered to be a local municipality for the purposes of the rules set out in the agreement.

2. For the purposes of this Regulation,

"Canada-European Union Agreement" means the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union and its Member States;

"services contract covered by the Canada-European Union Agreement" means a services contract for:

(1) courier or mail services, including email;

(2) fax services;

(3) real estate services;

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(4) computer services, including consultation services for the purchase or installation of computer software or hardware, and data processing services;

(5) maintenance or repair services for office equipment;

(6) management consulting services, except arbitration, mediation and conciliation services with regard to human resources management;

(7) engineering services, except engineering services related to a single transportation infrastructure design and construction contract;

(8) architectural services, including architectural landscaping;

(9) land use and planning services;

(10) test, analysis or inspection services for quality control;

(11) building cleaning services, including the interior;

(12) machinery or equipment repair services;

(13) purification services;

(14) garbage removal services; and

(15) road services.

CHAPTER II
THRESHOLD

3. The expenditure threshold from which a contract must be awarded according to an open procedure is the minimum threshold provided for in an intergovernmental agreement applicable to the municipal body.

CHAPTER III
TIME PERIODS

4. The minimum time period for the receipt of tenders when awarding a supply, construction or partnership contract according to an open procedure other than a procedure by means of a request for a quotation addressed to qualified enterprises is

(1) 15 days, in the case of a contract involving an expenditure below the threshold from which the municipal body must, under the Canada-European Union Agreement, offer to enterprises that have an establishment in a territory covered by the agreement to submit a tender for such a contract;

(2) in the case of a contract involving an expenditure equal to or greater than the threshold set in paragraph 1,

(*a*) 25 days, if the tenders may be submitted on the electronic tendering system; and

(*b*) 30 days, in other cases.

5. The minimum time period for the receipt of tenders when awarding a services contract according to an open procedure other than a procedure by means of a request for a quotation addressed to qualified enterprises is

(1) 15 days, when

(*a*) it is a contract involving an expenditure below the threshold from which the municipal body must, under the Canada-European Union Agreement, offer to enterprises that have an establishment in a territory covered by the agreement to submit a tender for such a contract; or

(*b*) it is a contract other than a services contract covered by the Canada-European Union Agreement; and

(2) in the case of a services contract covered by the Canada-European Union Agreement involving an expenditure equal to or greater than the threshold set in subparagraph a of paragraph 1,

(*a*) 25 days, if the tenders may be submitted on the electronic tendering system; and

(*b*) 30 days, in other cases.

6. The minimum time period for the receipt of tenders when awarding a contract according to a procedure by written invitation other than a procedure by means of a request for a quotation addressed to qualified enterprises is 8 days.

7. The minimum time period for the receipt of tenders with a view to awarding a contract by means of a request for a quotation addressed to qualified enterprises is 10 days, unless a shorter time period is provided for in the document referred to in the first paragraph of section 22 of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01) published to establish the process for the qualification of enterprises prior to the awarding of the contract.

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CHAPTER IV
FINAL

8. Sections 1 and 2 of the Regulation ordering the applicable thresholds, ceilings and time periods when awarding certain municipal contracts (chapter C-19, r. 5) are revoked.

9. This Regulation comes into force on 1 April 2026.

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Draft Regulation

Mining Act
(chapter M-13.1)

Mines
— Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Mining Regulation, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to

— require a person having no domicile or establishment in Québec who wishes to apply for the granting of a mining right or for holding such a right to designate a person who lives in Québec to receive any document or information sent by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forests for the purposes of the Mining Act (chapter M-13.1), unless the person is registered under the Act respecting the legal publicity of enterprises (chapter P-44.1);

— determine the terms and conditions applicable to the designation of a representative where a mining right is held by more than one holder;

— update the information that must be included in the applications filed under the Mining Act and the conditions that must be met to obtain a lease to mine surface mineral substances or to have such a lease renewed;

— increase the fees that must be paid with the notice of map designation and the renewal of exclusive exploration rights, and increase the amount of the royalty for the lease to mine surface mineral substances or for the persons referred to in section 223.1 of the Mining Act;

— make changes to the improvements for which the holder of an exclusive exploration right is required to obtain an authorization from the Minister and comply with the conditions set by the Minister to carry out work or for which the lease to mine surface mineral substances must be refused and delimit, to the same effect, a strip of land adjacent to some of them;

— prescribe the amount of the annual duties payable by the holder of a mining concession;

— review the conditions of the lease to mine surface mineral substances, in particular by not allowing the lease holder to refuse access to the parcel of land that is subject to the lease to persons holding rights on the land or on land adjacent to it if that is the only reasonable means to access it;

— determine the manner in which the public consultation required under section 140.1 of the Mining Act is to be held;

— determine the elements and method applicable to establishing the amount of the financial contribution to be paid by the holder of a non-exclusive lease to mine surface mineral substances for the rehabilitation and restoration of a loose deposit of mineral substances in their natural state;

— review the nature of the work required of the holder of an exclusive exploration right, in particular by adding the requirement to conduct discussions with local and Indigenous communities as well as preliminary economic assessments;

— update the norms applicable to the various reports required of the holder of a right or the operator, in particular the information which must be contained in the reports and the documents which must accompany the reports;

— improve the security and protective measures prescribed where mining operations are temporarily or permanently discontinued and clarify the obligations of the holder of a mining right in respect of the resulting facilities;

— adjust the standards relating to the financial guarantee to be paid and prescribe the standards for the provisional financial guarantee.

Study of the matter has revealed financial impacts for mining enterprises. Certain measures proposed would involve costs for the mining enterprises required to comply with the proposed rules, in particular the updating of certain rates and the establishment of new requirements. Impacts on employment are not expected.

In accordance with the *Politique gouvernementale sur l'allègement réglementaire et administratif – pour une réglementation intelligente*, the draft Regulation has undergone a regulatory impact analysis as regards the above impacts affecting enterprises. The analysis can be accessed on the website of the Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Renée Garon, director general, Direction générale de l'administration minière, Ministère

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Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Ian Morissette, associate Deputy Minister for Mines, Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts, 5700, 4e Avenue Ouest, bureau D-327, Québec (Québec) G1H 6R1; email: ian.morissette@mrnf.gouv.qc.ca.

JEAN-FRANÇOIS SIMARD
Minister of Natural Resources and Forests

Regulation to amend the Mining Regulation

Mining Act
(chapter M-13.1, s. 306, pars. 1.1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 10.1, 12.2, 13.0.1, 14, 14.1, 14.1.2, 21.2, 25, 26 and 26.2, s. 307, 1st and 3rd pars., s. 308, s. 309, 3rd par., and s. 310).

1. The Mining Regulation (chapter M-13.1, r. 2) is amended by adding the following before Chapter II:

"**CHAPTER I**
GENERAL

1. In this Regulation,

"accumulation area" means a parcel of land intended for the accumulation of mineral substances, overburden, concentrates or tailings; (*aire d'accumulation*)

"qualified professional" means a geologist who is a member of the Ordre des géologues du Québec, an engineer who is a member of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec or, in the case of work relating to peat-moss, an agrologist who is a member of the Ordre des agronomes du Québec or a holder of a bachelor's degree in biology. (*professionnel qualifié*)

2. For the purposes of section 18.1 of the Act, a person having no domicile or establishment in Québec must designate a person who lives in Québec to receive any document or information sent by the Minister pursuant to the Act, unless the person is registered under the Act respecting the legal publicity of enterprises (chapter P-44.1).

That person is designated, as the case may be, in the manner prescribed by section 6, 38 or 46, or by sending the person's name, address and telephone number to the Minister.

3. For the purposes of section 207.1 of the Act, made by section 78 of the Act to amend the Mining Act and other provisions (2024, chapter 36), the representative is designated from among the holders of the mining right concerned, as the case may be, in the manner prescribed by section 6, 38 or 46, or by sending the representative's name, address and telephone number to the Minister. The designation is accompanied by a signed and dated written proof certifying that consent was given by each holder.

4. If the person designated in accordance with section 2 or the representative designated in accordance with section 3 is absent or unable to act, or in case of vacancy of the office of the person or representative, the holder of a mining right must inform the Minister and designate a replacement as soon as possible.

Section 2 or 3, as the case may be, applies, with the necessary modifications, to the designation of the replacement.

4.1. An application referred to in this Regulation must include,

(1) if the mining right is or will be held by more than one holder, the information related to each applicant and the respective percentage of the rights that each of them holds; and

(2) if the applicant is a legal person, the address of the office and, where applicable, the address of the principal establishment in Québec.".

2. Section 6 is amended by replacing paragraphs 1 and 2 by the following:

"(1) the applicant's name, address and telephone number;

(2) the business number assigned to the applicant under the Act respecting the legal publicity of enterprises (chapter P-44.1) or, in the absence of such a number, the name, address and telephone number of the person designated in accordance with section 2;

(2.1) where applicable, the name, address and telephone number of the representative designated in accordance with section 3;".

3. Section 8 is amended in the first paragraph

(1) by replacing "$41.50", "$149", "$168" and "$188" in the table in paragraph 1 by "$53.95", "$193.70", "$218.40" and "$244.40", respectively;

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(2) by replacing "$41.50", "$80.75" and "$122" in the table in paragraph 2 by "$53.95", "$104.98" and "$158.60", respectively.

4. Section 9 is amended

(1) by replacing "of exclusive exploration rights" in the portion before paragraph 1 by "of an exclusive exploration right";

(2) by replacing "the name, address and telephone number of the holder of the exclusive exploration rights applied for" in paragraph 1 by "the applicant's name, address and telephone number";

(3) in paragraph 2

(*a*) by replacing "exploration rights" by "exploration right";

(*b*) by adding ", as well as its expiry date" at the end;

(4) by striking out "for each of the exclusive exploration rights, its expiry date and," in paragraph 3;

(5) in paragraph 4

(*a*) by replacing "exploration rights" by "exploration right";

(*b*) by adding "designated in accordance with section 3" at the end.

5. Section 12 is amended in paragraph 2

(1) by replacing "éléments" in the French in the portion before subparagraph *a* text by "renseignements";

(2) by replacing "holder of an exclusive exploration right" in subparagraph *f* by "applicant".

6. Section 13 is amended

(1) by replacing "holder of an exclusive exploration right" in paragraph 3 by "applicant";

(2) in paragraph 4

(*a*) by replacing "holder of an exclusive exploration right" in the portion before subparagraph *a* by "applicant";

(*b*) by replacing "holder of an exclusive exploration right" in subparagraph *e* by "applicant".

7. The heading of Division IV of Chapter II is amended by replacing "PROTECTION OF IMPROVEMENTS" by "IMPROVEMENTS AND STRIPS OF LAND".

8. Section 14 is amended

(1) by replacing paragraph 4 by the following:

"(3) a public highway within the meaning of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), including one not yet open to public vehicular traffic;

(4) a highway determined by the Government in accordance with subparagraph *i* of the first paragraph of section 3 of the Act respecting the Ministère des Transports (chapter M-28);";

(2) by replacing paragraph 10 by the following:

"(10) an airport or heliport;";

(3) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"A 20-m strip of land adjacent to the improvements provided for in subparagraphs 3, 4 and 10 of the first paragraph is also covered by section 70 of the Act.".

9. Section 17 is amended by replacing "the name, address and telephone number of the holder of rights to be converted" in paragraph 1 by "the applicant's name, address and telephone number".

10. Section 38 is amended by replacing subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the first paragraph by the following:

"(1) the applicant's name, address and telephone number;

(2) the business number assigned to the applicant pursuant to the Act respecting the legal publicity of enterprises (chapter P-44.1) or, in the absence of such a number, the name, address and telephone number of the person designated in accordance with section 2;

(2.1) where applicable, the name, address and telephone number of the representative designated in accordance with section 3;".

11. Sections 39.1 to 39.3 are revoked.

12. Section 40 is amended by replacing "the name, address and telephone number of the lessee" in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by "the applicant's name, address and telephone number".

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13. The following is inserted after section 41:

"**DIVISION I.1**
ANNUAL DUTIES

42. The amount of the annual duties for the mining concession is $59,25/ha if it is situated on lands in the domain of the State or $28.25/ha if it is situated on lands granted or alienated by the State for purposes other than mining."".

14. Section 46 is amended by replacing paragraphs 1 and 2 by the following:

"(1) the applicant's name, address and telephone number;

(2) the business number assigned to the applicant pursuant to the Act respecting the legal publicity of enterprises (chapter P-44.1) or, in the absence of such a number, the name, address and telephone number of the person designated in accordance with section 2;

(2.1) where applicable, the name, address and telephone number of the representative designated in accordance with section 3;".

15. Section 47 is replaced by the following:

"**47.** A lease to mine surface mineral substances may not be entered into or renewed if, at the time of presentation of the application, the applicant fails to perform the obligations referred to in the second paragraph of section 140 or in sections 155 and 155.1 of the Act in respect of, as the case may be, an authorization to extract surface mineral substances or another lease to mine surface mineral substances which the applicant holds.".

16. Section 50 is amended by replacing "the name, address and telephone number of the holder of the non-exclusive lease to mine surface mineral substances that is subject to the application" in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by "the applicant's name, address and telephone number".

17. Section 51 is amended

(1) by inserting "prepared by a qualified professional" after "report" in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph;

(2) by striking out the fourth paragraph.

18. Section 55 is amended

(1) by replacing "the name, address and telephone number of the holder of the exclusive lease to mine surface mineral substances subject to the application" in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by "the applicant's name, address and telephone number";

(2) by replacing the second paragraph by the following:

"The application for renewal of the lease must include the rental provided for in section 53 for the term of the lease and, as the case may be, a copy of the ministerial authorization issued under section 22 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2) or the declaration of compliance filed under section 31.0.6 of that Act.".

19. Section 56.1 is replaced by the following:

"**56.1.** For the purposes of section 140.1 of the Act, an applicant who holds a public consultation must announce it by means of a public notice containing the following information:

(1) a description of the operation project;

(2) a map showing the location of the project site;

(3) the location where the detailed documentation concerning the project as a whole may be consulted. The documentation includes, in particular, a description of the proposed infrastructures and access roads, a description of the various stages of the project and the planned duration of each stage, the expected benefits and disadvantages of the project, the proposed mitigation measures and a description of the other uses of the territory near the site;

(4) the time, date and place of the public meeting, which must facilitate the participation of the local community;

(5) the means to be used to submit written comments and the possibility to submit written comments up to 30 days following the holding of the public meeting.

The notice must be in writing and published by any appropriate method that makes it possible to inform the local population of the public consultation.

A copy of the notice must be sent to the Minister, to the municipalities and to the Native communities concerned.

56.1.1. During the public meeting, the project is presented and persons wishing to express themselves are heard. The interventions made at the public meeting must be recorded.".

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20. The heading of Division I.1 of Chapter VI is amended by replacing "PROTECTION OF IMPROVEMENTS" by "IMPROVEMENTS AND STRIPS OF LAND".

21. Section 56.2 is amended

(1) by inserting "and strips of land" after "Improvements";

(2) by replacing "énumérés" in the French text by "prévus".

22. The heading of Division IV of Chapter VI is amended by adding "AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS" at the end.

23. Section 60 is amended by replacing "this Division" by "section 61".

24. Section 61 is amended by replacing "$0.05", "$0.95", "$0.36", "$6", "$0.30", "$0.50" and "$0.25" by "$0.06", "$1.09", "$0.61", "$6.90", "$0.35", "$0.58" and "$0.29", respectively.

25. The following is inserted after section 61:

"**61.1.** The amount of the financial contribution referred to in section 155.1 of the Act is obtained using the following formula:

A x B, where

(1) "A" represents the reference cost established at $0.90;

(2) "B" represents the quantity of metric tons of surface mineral substances extracted by the holder during the period from 1 April to 31 March preceding the sending of the holder's report provided for in the first paragraph of section 155 of the Act.

The reference cost is adjusted on 1 January of each year by a rate calculated in the manner prescribed by section 83.3 of the Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001).

The Minister publishes the result of the adjustment by means of a notice in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.".

26. Section 64 is amended

(1) in the first paragraph

(*a*) by replacing "an exclusive lease" by "a lease";

(*b*) by replacing "par piquetage" in the French text by "au moyen de piquets";

(2) by replacing "Le piquetage doit être effectué" in the second paragraph of the French text by "Les piquets doivent être fixés".

27. The following is inserted after section 64:

"**64.1.** The holder of a lease to mine surface mineral substances may not refuse access to the parcel of land that is subject to the holder's lease to any person who holds a right, an authorization or a permit on that parcel of land or an adjacent parcel of land, if that is the only reasonable means to access it.".

28. Section 65 is amended

(1) by adding the following paragraph at the beginning:

"The holder of an exclusive lease to extract peat-moss must, as the case may be, send to the Minister a copy of the ministerial authorization issued under section 22 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2) or the declaration of compliance filed under section 31.0.6 of that Act within the month following the issue or filing of the authorization or declaration.";

(2) by striking out "of an exclusive lease to extract peat-moss".

29. Section 66 is amended by striking out the first paragraph.

30. Section 68 is amended

(1) by striking out "the first paragraph of section 72 of the Act and" in the first paragraph;

(2) by replacing "the same provisions" in the second paragraph by "this Chapter".

31. Section 69 is amended

(1) in the first paragraph

(*a*) by striking out "under the supervision of a qualified professional" in subparagraph 3;

(*b*) by replacing "measure and recording of data along the drilled holes under the supervision of a qualified professional" in subparagraph 6 by "well log";

(*c*) in subparagraph 8

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i. by adding "preliminary economic evaluations and" at the beginning;

ii. by striking out "under the supervision of a qualified professional";

(*d*) by inserting the following after subparagraph 9.5:

"(10) exchanges with the local communities and the Native communities for the purposes of section 65.1 of the Act or sections 12 and 13;";

(*e*) by striking out "carried out under the supervision of a qualified professional" in subparagraph 11;

(*f*) by inserting "security and" before "protective" in subparagraph 12;

(*g*) by striking out the words "under the supervision of a qualified professional" wherever they appear;

(2) by replacing the second paragraph by the following:

"Work referred to in the first paragraph must be carried out in accordance with the authorizations required under the Act, where applicable.".

32. Section 70 is amended by replacing "and maps" in subparagraph 8 of the first paragraph by ", maps and any other document related to the work".

33. The following is inserted after section 71:

"**71.1.** The amounts spent for the technical evaluation studies referred to in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 69 are accepted only during the first term of the exclusive exploration right, up to 25% of the minimum cost of the work determined under section 15.".

34. Section 73 is amended by replacing the first and second paragraphs by the following:

"The report on exploration work and examination of outcrops of rock and boulders must be presented on the simplified form supplied by the Minister.

The report must describe the work carried out and include the analytical results obtained, as well as the information that makes it possible to locate the work.".

35. Section 74 is amended

(1) in the second paragraph

(*a*) by replacing subparagraph 1 by the following:

"(1) a title-page, a table of contents, a table of graphic representations, a summary, the purpose of the survey, the data gathered and their interpretation, the verification methods applied and the results of the verifications, the results of the analysis of each sample, the conclusions, the recommendations resulting therefrom, and bibliographical references;";

(*b*) by replacing "as a schedule to the report, the plans and maps established to a scale that makes it" in subparagraph 2 by "information on the geometrical location and attributes of the geographical entities making it";

(2) by inserting the following after the second paragraph:

"The report is accompanied by the analysis certificates dated and signed by the person in charge of the laboratory where the analyses were carried out, giving the complete results obtained for each sample.".

36. Section 75 is amended

(1) by replacing the portion before paragraph 1 by the following:

"**75.** The geological survey work report must include the following information:";

(2) by adding the following at the end:

"(4) where applicable, the outline of outcrops and the location of significant mineralized boulders or boulder trains;

(5) the identification of the various rock types observed in the course of the geological survey or of previous work;

(6) the outline of geological contours, alteration zones, observed or assumed mineralized zones and the observed textural features;

(7) where applicable, the structural measures observed;

(8) where applicable, the information that makes it possible to locate tested and analyzed samples.".

37. Section 76 is revoked.

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38. Section 77 is amended

(1) in the first paragraph

(*a*) by replacing the portion before subparagraph 1 by the following:

"**77.** The geophysical survey work report must include the following information:";

(*b*) by replacing subparagraph 2 by the following:

"(2) the characteristics and technical parameters of the survey;

(3) a description of the stages of quality control and the stages of survey data processing;

(4) where applicable, the geophysical readings taken at intervals or continuously along all survey lines or the corrected readings;

(5) the raw numerical data essential to the interpretation of the results plotted as profiles or contours.";

(2) by replacing "the type" in subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph by "the information on the type";

(3) by striking out the word "airborne" wherever it appears in the third paragraph.

39. Section 78 is revoked.

40. Section 79 is amended

(1) by replacing the portion before paragraph 1 by the following:

"**79.** The geochemical survey work report must include the following information:";

(2) by adding the following at the end:

"(6) the information that makes it possible to locate sampling sites and their number;

(7) where applicable, synoptic maps of geochemical activity.".

41. Section 80 is revoked.

42. Section 81 is amended

(1) by adding the following at the end of the first paragraph:

"(6) information on the geometrical location and attributes of the geographical entities that makes it possible to locate the work and identify the geological information.";

(2) by replacing the second paragraph by the following:

"The report is accompanied by the analysis certificates dated and signed by the person in charge of the laboratory where the analyses were carried out, giving the complete results obtained for each sample.";

(3) by replacing "form entitled "Simplified mining work report"" in the third paragraph by "simplified form supplied by the Minister".

43. Section 82 is amended

(1) in the first paragraph

(*a*) by replacing subparagraph 1 by the following:

"(1) where applicable, the geological and analytical data obtained from previous work;";

(*b*) by adding the following at the end:

"(5) information on the geometrical location and attributes of the geographical entities that makes it possible to locate the work and identify the geological information.";

(2) by replacing the second paragraph by the following:

"The report is accompanied by the analysis certificates dated and signed by the person in charge of the laboratory where the analyses were carried out, giving the complete results obtained for each sample.";

(3) by replacing "form entitled "Simplified mining work report"" in the third and fourth paragraphs by "simplified form supplied by the Minister";

(4) by striking out the fifth paragraph.

44. Section 83 is amended

(1) by adding the following at the end of the first paragraph:

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"(4) the storage site of the drill-hole cores or samples of percussion drilling or reverse circulation;

(5) the location of the work and the identification of the geological information, including the location of each drill-hole collar and its horizontal projection with reference to the boundaries of the land subject to the mining right;

(6) the measurements of the deviation of the drill-hole according to its depth;

(7) where applicable, the type of apparatus used and the method used to measure physical or chemical parameters with a portable apparatus on rock cores or for well logs.";

(2) in the second paragraph

(*a*) by striking out ", as schedules," in the portion before subparagraph 1;

(*b*) by replacing subparagraph 1 by the following:

"(1) in the case of chemical analyses performed using a portable X-ray fluorescence analyzer, the certificate signed by the chemist under whose supervision the work was carried out;";

(*c*) by replacing "sondage" in subparagraph 2 of the French text by "sondages";

(*d*) in subparagraph 3

i. by replacing "a logbook" in the portion before subparagraph *a* by "the survey logs";

ii. by striking out ", defined according to the North American Datum 1927 (NAD27), and its system of geodesic coordinates, or" in subparagraph *a*;

iii. by striking out subparagraph *f*;

(3) by replacing "The record of drill-holes" in the fifth paragraph by "The survey logs".

45. Section 84 is replaced by the following:

"**84.** The report on research and test work must include the following information:

(1) a summary of the work previously done on the land where such work justifies the research work carried out and indicating all the sources of reference on the data derived from previous work;

(2) the methods used for sampling and for research work, the correlation determined between the former samplings and those carried out under research work, and the representativeness of the samples submitted in relation to the collection of data, considering the various geological or mineralogical areas observed during the detailed mapping or from the interpretations;

(3) the purpose and the methods of the research and testing project, the name and dates of participation of each laboratory, testing station, body, institution, company or partnership which participated in it and, indicating in each case, the objective pursued by each one, the methods used, the results obtained from the research and tests and the interpretation and conclusions derived therefrom;

(4) the quality controls carried out during the research and test performance;

(5) information on the geometrical location and attributes of the geographical entities that makes it possible to describe the geological environment of the samples by identifying and numbering the sites where the samples used for research and tests were taken and the other samples situated in the immediate environment.

The report on research and test work must be signed by the qualified professional under whose supervision the work was carried out and be accompanied by the work declaration form, duly completed, supplied by the Minister.".

46. Section 90 is amended

(1) by replacing "Reports, plans and maps" in the first paragraph by "The information included in the reports";

(2) in the second paragraph

(*a*) by replacing "they" in the portion before subparagraph 1 by "the reports";

(*b*) by striking out subparagraphs 2 and 3;

(*c*) by replacing "legends of plans and maps" in subparagraph 4 by "where applicable, legends of graphic representations included with the report";

(*d*) by replacing "plans and maps" in the portion before subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 5 by "information that makes it possible to locate the work".

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47. Section 98 is replaced by the following:

"**98.** For the purposes of the second paragraph of section 226 of the Act, a report on the measures implemented during the suspension of mining operations must be sent to the Minister, within 4 months following the beginning of the suspension, by the holder who carries out underground exploration work and by the operator.

The report of the holder who carries out underground exploration work must include the following:

(1) a description of the security and protective measures prescribed under Division II that will be implemented;

(2) the effluent control and sampling measures and the environmental monitoring measures pursued in accordance with the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2);

(3) where applicable, the measures to ensure the management of water and the physical and chemical stability of accumulation areas;

(4) where applicable, the measures to store chemical or petroleum products and hazardous residual materials;

(5) a schedule of the measures referred to in subparagraphs 1 to 4 and a schedule of monitoring visits;

(6) an emergency plan that includes

(*a*) the identification of the danger zones and a detailed list of the risks associated with each work on the production site;

(*b*) the measures taken to prevent the failure of each work and ensure rapid intervention;

(*c*) the emergency responses required, including a list of the emergency response equipment and its location;

(*d*) a list of the persons in charge of conducting emergency responses, and their contact information;

(*e*) a list of the community resources to be informed of the emergency situation, and their contact information.

In addition to the elements mentioned in the second paragraph, the operator's report must include the quantity and nature of the unmined mineralized deposits.

A holder who carries out underground exploration work and an operator must also, within the same period, send a plan, to a scale that is not smaller than 1:50 000, showing the location of the mine and of the security and protective measures referred to in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph, as well as the plans and the register required under subparagraphs 2 and 3 of the first paragraph of section 96.".

48. The heading of Division II of Chapter IX is amended by inserting "SECURITY AND" before "PROTECTIVE".

49. Section 100 is amended in the first paragraph

(1) by replacing "metal tube" in subparagraph 1 by "tube made up of a non-corrosive and brightly-coloured metallic substance";

(2) by replacing "and the name of the mine" in subparagraph 3 by ", the name of the mine and the name of the surface opening of mining work".

50. Section 101 is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"The slabs referred to in the first paragraph must be equipped with an engraved inscription indicating the year of their fabrication, the name of the mine and the name of the surface opening of mining work where they are installed.".

51. Section 102 is amended

(1) by replacing "backfilled with sand, gravel or other similar material" in the second paragraph by "levelled or backfilled with inert mineral substances, in particular sand, gravel or inert mine tailings, so as to harmonize the slab with the surrounding topography and eliminate any risk of falling or water accumulation";

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"A sign primarily made up of a non-corrosive and brightly-coloured metallic substance indicating the name of the mine and the name of the surface opening of mining work must be installed on or near the opening if the concrete slab is not equipped with the inscription provided for in subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph of section 100 or the second paragraph of section 101, or if the concrete slab is covered with inert mineral substances in accordance with the second paragraph.".

52. Section 103 is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following:

"Signs primarily made up of a non-corrosive and brightly-coloured metallic substance must be placed around the backfilled worksite at an interval that may not

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exceed 30 m and must indicate the name of the mine, the name of the worksite and the surface dimensions of the worksite.

Backfill may be replaced by installing one of the following works around the worksite, at a distance established according to geotechnical considerations of rocky walls or overlying soils:

(1) a fence, according to the following standards:

(*a*) the fence must be made of 9-gauge galvanized link steel, with openings not exceeding 60 mm on a side;

(*b*) the fence must be at least 2.50 m high and the wire mesh must be welded to the posts and to the horizontal supports or fixed by fastening straps bolted or riveted or by any other fastening means that will prevent it from being stolen;

(*c*) the end and corner posts and the posts supporting gates must be at least 90 mm in diameter in galvanized steel at least 3.175 mm thick, be not more than 3 m apart, and be fit with braces composed of a galvanized steel pipe at least 45 mm in diameter and at least 2.54 mm thick;

(*d*) the other posts must be at least 60 mm in diameter in galvanized steel at least 2.54 mm thick and be not more than 3 m apart;

(*e*) the top rail used as a horizontal support must be a pipe at least 45 mm in diameter in galvanized steel at least 3.556 mm thick;

(*f*) the concrete must have a strength of at least 20 MPa in 28 days, a maximum slump of 100 mm and 5% to 7% of entrained air, and the maximum size of coarse aggregate must be 19 mm;

(*g*) except when posts are inserted in rock, holes used to hold posts must be at least 1.20 m deep, at least 300 mm in diameter at the opening and they must be filled with concrete when the posts are inserted;

(*h*) when posts are inserted in rock, holes used to hold posts must be at least 500 mm deep and have the necessary diameter to insert posts and concrete therein;

(*i*) gates must be of the same height as the fence and be equipped with fastening means that will prevent them from being stolen;

(*j*) a 9-gauge tension wire, in galvanized steel, must be installed at the bottom of the fence and affixed to the netting by means of ties made of galvanized steel wire;

(2) an embankment preceded by a ditch, according to the following standards:

(*a*) the embankment must be 2 m high and its top must be 2 m wide, and it must be made up of unconsolidated materials or inert substances;

(*b*) the ditch must be at least 2 m wide by 1 m deep;

(3) a gate made up of rock or concrete blocks with an average diameter of 1.5 m and not more than 30 cm apart.".

53. Section 104 is amended

(1) by replacing "at the entrance" in the first paragraph by "near the mine openings and the entrance";

(2) by inserting "primarily" before "made up" and "and brightly-coloured" after "non-corrosive" in the second paragraph.

54. Section 105 is amended by inserting "subparagraph 1 of" after "prescribed in" in the first paragraph.

55. Section 107 is revoked.

56. Section 115 is amended in the first paragraph

(1) by inserting "the first paragraph of" after "referred to in" in the portion before subparagraph 1;

(2) by replacing "section 232.10 of the Act" in subparagraph 3 by "section 232.10.1 of the Act or until the financial guarantee is returned in accordance with section 232.10.2 of the Act";

(3) by inserting "the first paragraph of" after "referred to in" in subparagraph *b* of subparagraph 7.

57. Section 118 is amended

(1) in the first paragraph

(*a*) by replacing "section 232.10 of the Act" in subparagraph 2 by "section 232.10.1 of the Act, the return of the financial guarantee in accordance with section 232.10.2 of the Act";

(*b*) in subparagraph 6

i. by inserting "the first paragraph of" after "referred to in" in subparagraph *b*;

ii. by replacing "section 232.10" in subparagraph *i* of subparagraph *c* by "section 232.10.1";

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iii. by adding the following at the end of subparagraph *c*:

"iii. once the follow-up obligation set out in the plan in respect of the rehabilitation and restoration work ends.";

(2) by inserting "the first paragraph of" after "referred to in" in the second paragraph.

58. Section 119 is amended

(1) by replacing "section 232.10 of the Act" in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph by "section 232.10.1 of the Act or until the financial guarantee is returned in accordance with section 232.10.2 of the Act"

(2) by inserting "the first paragraph of" after "referred to in" in the second paragraph.

59. Section 123 is amended by replacing "section 232.10 of the Act" by "section 232.10.1 of the Act or until the financial guarantee is returned or reimbursed under section 232.10.2 of the Act".

60. The following is inserted after section 123:

"123.1. The provisional financial guarantee required under the second paragraph of section 232.5 of the Act must be submitted within 30 days following the notification of the Minister's decision in one of the forms referred to in section 115 and must be maintained for the approval of the rehabilitation and restoration plan.".

61. Division I of Chapter X, including sections 126 and 127, is revoked.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL

62. Section 2 of the Mining Regulation (chapter M-13.1, r. 2), made by section 1 of this Regulation, applies as of (*insert the date that is 6 months after the date of coming into force of this Regulation*) to the holder of a mining right and to a person whose application for the granting of a mining right or for the registration of the transfer of a mining right is pending on (*insert the date preceding the date of coming into force of this Regulation*).

63. Section 14 of the Mining Regulation (chapter M-13.1, r. 2), as it read on (*insert the date preceding the date of coming into force of this Regulation*), applies to the holder of an exclusive exploration right in force on that date until (*insert the date that is 6 months after the date of coming into force of this Regulation*).

64. The annual duties fixed by section 42 of the Mining Regulation (chapter M-13.1, r. 2), made by section 13 of this Regulation, are adjusted on 1 January 2027 by the rate calculated in the manner prescribed by section 83.3 of the Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001).

The Minister publishes the result of the adjustment by means of a notice in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

65. The holder of a non-exclusive lease to mine surface mineral substances in force on (*insert the date preceding the date of coming into force of this Regulation*) must mark, on the parcel of land subject to the holder's right, the perimeter of the parcel of land and its apexes by posts, in accordance with section 64 of the Mining Regulation (chapter M-13.1, r. 2), amended by section 26 of this Regulation, before (*insert the date that is 3 months after the date of coming into force of this Regulation*).

66. Sections 100 to 105 of the Mining Regulation (chapter M-13.1, r. 2), as they read on (*insert the date preceding the date of coming into force of this Regulation*), continue to apply to the security and protective measures implemented before (*insert the date of coming into force of this Regulation*).

67. The holder of an exclusive lease to mine surface mineral substances, except for a peat lease, in force on (*insert the date preceding the date of coming into force of this Regulation*) must, as the case may be, send to the Minister a copy of the ministerial authorization issued under section 22 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2) or the declaration of compliance filed under section 31.0.6 of that Act within the month following the issue or filing of the authorization or declaration.

68. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, except sections 34 to 46, which come into force on (*insert the date that is 6 months after the date of coming into force of this Regulation*).

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