

Draft Regulation

Forest Act
(R.S.Q., c. F-4.1)

Wood processing plants

— Unit rates applicable to the calculation of dues for forest management permits for the supply

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting unit rates applicable to the calculation of dues for forest management permits for the supply of wood processing plants, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Minister upon the expiry of 25 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation shall be submitted to be made within a shorter time than the period of 45 days which would normally be applicable under section 11 of the Regulations Act because the Minister is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it.

The Minister is of the opinion that the urgency owing to the following circumstances justifies a shorter publication period:

— the draft of the Regulation respecting unit rates applicable to the calculation of dues for forest management permits for the supply of wood processing plants is one of the elements which will make it possible to ensure the application of the Regulation respecting forest royalties (O.C. 372-87 dated 18 March 1987 and amendments).

Thus section 2 of that Regulation provides, in particular, that “In order to determine a unit rate fixed by the Minister under section 72 of the Forest Act (R.S.Q., c. F-4.1), the stumpage value of standing timber shall be calculated on April 1 of each year in each forest tariffing zone, by species or group of species and quality of timber, according to the parity technique applicable in property assessment, by comparing the timber to similar timber for which the selling price is known.”

In order that the provisions mentioned above may be applied efficiently, it is thus necessary that those rates be calculated on 1 April next and that they be effective on that date, a deadline that the Minister could not meet if he had to comply fully with the publication requirement provided for in the Regulations Act.

— The data making the calculation possible were not available beforehand due to the talks with the American Government respecting lumber exports.

Any person having comments to make on the matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 25-day period, to Mr. Jacques Robitaille, Associate Deputy Minister for Forests, Ministère des Ressources naturelles, 880, chemin Sainte-Foy, 10^e étage, Québec (Québec), G1S 4X4.

FRANÇOIS GENDRON,
Minister of Natural Resources

Regulation respecting unit rates applicable to the calculation of dues for forest management permits for the supply of wood processing plants

Forest Act
(R.S.Q., c. F-4.1, ss. 5 and 72)

1. The unit rates for the stumpage value of standing timber in forests in the public domain specified in Schedule I shall be indexed on 1 April, 1 August and 1 December 1996 in accordance with the performance of the price indexes for the forest products specified in Schedule II. The index rates per species, group of species and quality shall be calculated in accordance with the following formulas:

Index rate at = at 1 April 1996	Average price index for the months of October, November and December 1995 and January 1996
	Average price index for the months of April 1994 to March 1995;
Index rate at = 1 August 1996	Average price index for the months of February, March, April and May 1996
	Average price index for the months of April 1994 to March 1995
Index rate at = 1 December 1996	Average price index for the months of June, July, August and September 1996
	Average price index for the months of April 1994 to March 1995.

The amounts thus indexed shall apply, in each forest tariffing zone indicated in Schedule I, to the calculation of the dues payable by the holder of a forest management permit for the supply of a wood processing plant for the 4-month period following the date of indexing.

The amounts indexed in the prescribed manner in the first paragraph shall be reduced to the nearest fraction of $\$0.10/\text{m}^3$ where they contain a fraction less than $\$0.025/\text{m}^3$. They shall be rounded to the nearest fraction of $\$0.05/\text{m}^3$ where they contain a fraction equal to or greater than $\$0.025/\text{m}^3$ but less than $\$0.075/\text{m}^3$ and shall be increased to the nearest fraction of $\$0.10/\text{m}^3$ where they contain a fraction equal to or greater than $\$0.075/\text{m}^3$.

The Minister of Natural Resources shall inform the public, through Part I of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* and, where he considers it appropriate, by any other means, of the indexing calculated under this section.

2. This Regulation replaces the Regulation respecting unit rates applicable to the calculation of dues for forest management permits for the supply of wood processing plants, made by Minister's Order 94-285 of the Minister of Natural Resources dated 2 March 1995 and published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 15 March 1995.

3. This Regulation comes into force on 1 April 1996.

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**REFERENCE UNIT RATES FOR THE STUMPAGE VALUE OF STANDING TIMBER IN FORESTS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN
BY FOREST TARIFFING ZONE FOR THE 1996-1997 FISCAL YEAR**

		Stumpage value (\$/m ³)															
		Zones															
Species	Quality*	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Fir, spruce, jack pine, tamarack	A	17.10	15.01	12.12	12.19	12.60	12.12	3.65	3.65	9.20	9.61	11.00	12.27	13.31	16.29	19.18	17.85
	B	15.18	14.34	10.71	10.57	12.60	8.31	2.59	2.59	4.81	9.61	11.00	9.25	10.66	14.05	18.24	12.54
White pine	B	11.97	8.15	7.82	7.83	7.82	7.82	2.31	2.31	14.00	14.27	13.50	11.71	11.50	10.35	10.86	10.25
Red pine	A	19.89	13.36	12.14	12.17	12.14	12.14	12.14	12.14	20.44	20.53	19.05	15.88	16.18	14.27	14.53	14.24
	B	8.47	5.83	5.83	5.83	5.83	5.83	5.83	5.83	10.03	10.13	9.71	8.82	8.67	7.88	8.27	7.97
Hemlock, cedar	B	4.61	3.61	3.24	3.25	3.24	3.24	0.65	0.65	4.50	4.55	3.98	2.63	2.90	2.34	2.21	2.12
Other softwoods	C	2.42	1.88	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	0.65	0.65	2.48	2.46	2.17	1.56	1.76	1.46	1.50	1.51
Oak, cherry, walnut	A	23.92	19.80	19.80	19.59	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	33.09	34.20	30.26	19.80	22.67	19.80	19.80	19.80
	B	11.75	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	17.08	17.71	15.57	9.84	10.50	8.18	7.86	7.81
Yellow birch, basswood	A	19.82	10.08	6.16	6.24	6.16	6.16	6.16	6.16	20.24	20.81	18.91	14.11	15.39	14.43	14.64	13.61
	B	9.88	5.37	5.16	5.17	5.16	5.16	3.12	3.12	10.30	10.50	9.66	7.95	7.79	7.17	7.28	6.77
White birch, maple, ash, elm, ironwood	A	18.38	10.01	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	2.99	2.99	19.17	19.55	17.49	12.93	14.01	13.10	13.18	12.43
	B	6.55	4.28	3.61	3.62	3.61	3.61	1.08	1.08	4.69	4.70	4.23	3.48	3.48	3.32	3.37	3.28
Poplar/Aspen	B	2.93	2.22	1.66	1.68	1.66	1.66	0.53	0.53	2.57	2.53	2.26	1.91	1.95	1.91	1.92	1.85
	C	1.69	1.45	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.37	0.53	0.53	1.52	1.48	1.40	1.31	1.41	1.28	1.39	1.36
Other hardwoods	B	3.63	2.88	2.47	2.48	2.47	2.47	0.55	0.55	3.06	3.10	2.84	2.39	2.32	2.16	2.16	2.03
All hardwoods (except poplar/aspen)	C	2.01	1.58	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.54	0.55	0.55	2.07	2.06	1.82	1.30	1.47	1.22	1.26	1.23

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**REFERENCE UNIT RATES FOR THE STUMPAGE VALUE OF STANDING TIMBER IN FORESTS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN
BY FOREST TARIFFING ZONE FOR THE 1996-1997 FISCAL YEAR**

Species	Quality*	Stumpage value (\$/m ³)															
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Fir, spruce, jack pine, tamarack	A	14.91	9.58	8.64	7.09	2.82	10.15	8.56	6.79	5.95	2.71	15.77	11.24	8.84	18.54	16.77	11.91
	B	12.24	9.58	6.23	5.74	2.59	8.52	6.89	2.94	5.82	2.59	13.45	11.24	8.84	18.54	13.92	11.91
White pine	B	9.85	4.76	6.05	4.99	1.85	7.00	5.96	5.61	4.15	1.77	15.49	14.56	12.07	14.42	13.19	11.48
Red pine	A	14.02	12.14	12.21	12.14	12.14	12.65	12.14	12.14	12.14	12.14	23.50	21.24	17.84	23.35	22.26	18.23
	B	7.61	5.83	5.90	5.83	5.83	6.30	5.83	5.83	5.83	5.83	10.99	10.33	8.98	10.73	10.17	8.80
Hemlock, cedar	B	2.30	1.31	1.60	1.37	0.56	1.64	1.35	1.57	1.15	0.53	5.37	4.74	3.69	5.37	5.10	3.97
Other softwoods	C	1.47	1.31	1.60	1.37	0.56	1.34	1.15	1.54	1.15	0.53	3.07	2.61	2.07	3.11	2.92	2.16
Oak, cherry, walnut	A	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	37.11	34.88	26.76	33.51	32.82	27.40
	B	8.19	7.43	7.44	7.43	7.43	7.65	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	19.21	18.06	13.47	17.06	16.73	13.50
Yellow birch, basswood	A	13.67	6.16	6.40	6.16	6.16	8.21	6.16	6.16	6.16	6.16	22.88	21.30	16.78	23.23	20.33	16.40
	B	6.79	3.12	3.24	3.12	3.12	4.13	3.12	3.12	3.12	3.12	12.39	10.95	8.35	11.82	10.11	8.16
White birch, maple, ash, elm, ironwood	A	12.56	5.68	7.18	5.95	2.33	8.44	6.83	7.25	4.98	2.24	23.18	20.41	15.43	22.06	18.73	15.05
	B	3.25	2.15	2.67	2.25	0.87	2.59	2.18	2.68	1.88	0.84	6.24	5.07	3.66	6.97	5.52	3.72
Poplar/Aspen	B	1.86	1.10	1.38	1.16	0.45	1.42	1.21	1.36	0.97	0.43	3.59	2.78	2.02	3.68	3.02	2.10
	C	1.24	0.94	1.15	0.98	0.43	1.07	0.94	1.31	0.83	0.42	1.80	1.56	1.43	1.85	1.84	1.50
Other hardwoods	B	2.07	0.90	1.12	0.94	0.42	1.43	1.24	1.33	0.80	0.41	3.79	3.26	2.50	3.97	3.34	2.50
All hardwoods (except poplar/aspens)	C	1.20	0.86	1.04	0.89	0.42	1.02	0.92	1.25	0.77	0.41	2.56	2.18	1.72	2.60	2.44	1.80

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		Stumpage value (\$/m ³)																
		Zones																
Species	Quality*	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	
Fir, spruce, jack pine, tamarack	A	10.50	17.71	16.34	14.74	12.45	14.26	13.78	14.54	15.28	17.39	13.12	11.19	11.14	8.77	7.40	4.30	
	B	8.30	17.71	12.56	14.74	9.65	14.26	12.32	13.76	11.34	17.39	13.12	11.19	4.83	8.34	7.40	2.59	
White pine	B	10.86	13.17	12.55	7.24	7.24	8.64	9.01	8.41	9.17	8.38	8.06	6.70	7.98	6.11	5.97	3.68	
Red pine	A	15.84	22.23	21.28	13.11	13.11	12.44	12.14	15.20	15.92	14.24	13.94	12.36	13.12	12.14	12.14	12.14	
	B	8.19	10.15	9.74	6.04	6.04	6.18	6.04	7.30	7.56	6.83	6.56	5.88	6.67	5.83	5.83	5.83	
Hemlock, cedar	B	3.06	5.09	4.89	3.18	3.18	3.19	3.01	3.94	3.73	3.07	2.99	2.08	2.00	1.39	1.80	1.13	
Other softwoods	C	1.74	2.92	2.74	1.23	1.23	2.00	2.00	2.09	2.05	1.73	1.56	1.46	1.25	1.09	1.77	1.12	
Oak, cherry, walnut	A	22.98	32.85	31.71	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	21.53	22.97	19.80	20.81	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	
	B	10.84	16.75	15.94	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	8.67	9.69	7.43	8.15	7.43	7.98	7.43	7.43	7.43	
Yellow birch, basswood	A	15.32	20.23	19.17	11.81	11.81	13.21	12.98	15.09	14.31	12.37	11.70	7.42	10.49	6.16	6.16	6.16	
	B	7.61	10.06	9.53	5.87	5.87	6.62	6.53	7.51	7.15	6.21	5.85	3.74	5.24	3.12	3.12	3.12	
White birch, maple, ash, elm, ironwood	A	14.05	18.63	17.64	10.79	10.79	12.19	12.01	13.87	13.16	11.41	10.88	8.50	10.12	6.91	8.06	4.98	
	B	3.43	5.46	5.04	2.62	2.62	4.11	4.06	4.57	3.98	3.58	3.12	2.75	2.71	2.15	3.06	1.90	
Poplar/Aspen	B	1.94	2.99	2.79	1.50	1.50	1.79	1.77	2.15	2.03	1.81	1.67	1.50	1.55	1.22	1.55	0.97	
	C	1.30	1.84	1.76	1.05	1.05	1.35	1.39	1.32	1.39	1.26	1.19	1.20	1.04	0.91	1.55	0.97	
Other hardwoods	B	2.30	3.32	3.11	1.79	1.79	2.75	2.74	2.91	2.65	2.43	2.11	1.68	1.75	1.34	1.52	0.94	
All hardwoods (except poplar/aspens)	C	1.45	2.44	2.29	1.02	1.02	1.67	1.68	1.74	1.71	1.44	1.30	1.22	1.05	0.92	1.48	0.94	

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Species	Quality*	Stumpage value (\$/m ³)																	
		Zones																	
		49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	99	
Fir, spruce, jack pine, tamarack	A	14.49	10.08	10.35	9.17	5.31	3.87	13.58	11.00	13.58	9.39	6.74	4.04	4.77	3.17	2.59	5.37	2.59	
	B	12.08	9.40	10.35	7.53	3.46	2.59	13.40	11.00	13.58	9.39	5.54	2.99	2.59	2.59	2.59	5.37	2.59	
White pine	B	8.50	7.91	7.31	6.83	3.19	1.75	8.99	8.95	8.97	7.24	5.48	3.51	2.13	2.53	2.01	3.90	1.21	
Red pine	A	13.61	12.14	12.16	12.14	12.14	12.14	12.20	12.14	12.14	12.14	12.14	12.14	12.14	12.14	12.14	12.14	12.14	
	B	6.58	5.84	5.83	5.83	5.83	5.83	6.05	5.84	5.83	5.83	5.83	5.83	5.83	5.83	5.83	5.83	5.83	
Hemlock, cedar	B	3.00	2.05	1.87	1.75	0.90	0.54	2.96	2.27	2.22	1.82	1.40	0.92	0.59	0.68	0.62	1.02	0.39	
Other softwoods	C	1.79	1.59	1.44	1.37	0.82	0.54	1.99	1.83	1.82	1.54	1.17	0.85	0.53	0.66	0.62	0.97	0.39	
Oak, cherry, walnut	A	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	
	B	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	
Yellow birch, basswood	A	12.37	9.42	8.62	7.65	6.16	6.16	12.80	10.50	10.33	7.98	6.79	6.16	6.16	6.16	6.16	6.16	6.16	
	B	6.21	4.78	4.38	3.88	3.12	3.12	6.44	5.32	5.24	4.05	3.44	3.12	3.12	3.12	3.12	3.12	3.12	
White birch, maple, ash, elm, ironwood	A	11.42	8.89	8.04	7.56	3.94	2.32	11.87	10.11	9.98	8.22	6.23	4.19	2.55	3.11	2.65	4.72	1.59	
	B	3.67	3.05	2.75	2.60	1.44	0.87	4.01	3.48	3.44	2.86	2.17	1.49	0.91	1.12	0.98	1.68	0.59	
Poplar/Aspen	B	1.78	1.43	1.35	1.33	0.69	0.45	1.75	1.55	1.54	1.30	1.01	0.69	0.44	0.53	0.50	0.80	0.32	
	C	1.29	1.18	1.06	1.02	0.67	0.45	1.38	1.37	1.37	1.21	0.91	0.69	0.42	0.52	0.50	0.80	0.32	
Other hardwoods	B	2.48	2.05	1.88	1.76	0.82	0.45	2.70	2.29	2.26	1.77	1.35	0.82	0.55	0.59	0.52	0.89	0.32	
All hardwoods (except poplar/aspen)	C	1.49	1.32	1.20	1.14	0.68	0.45	1.66	1.52	1.51	1.28	0.98	0.71	0.44	0.56	0.52	0.82	0.32	

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SCHEDULE II
PRICE INDEXES PER SPECIES, GROUP OF SPECIES AND QUALITY

Species and groups of species	Quality¹	Price index²	Reference price index³
Fir, spruce, jack pine, tamarack	A	Preserved or treated wood (D691527)	150.3
	B	Lumber and pulp and paper index, softwood: Lumber, softwood, Québec (D692870; 70.7 %) Newsprint paper (D691618; 15.2 %) Paper board (D693067; 3.5 %) Woodpulp, sulphate, bleached, domestic (D691604; 7.9 %) Other paper for printing (D691621; 2.7 %)	100.0
White pine	B	White pine (Eastern Quotes and Comments)	786
Red pine	A	Preserved or treated wood (D691527)	150.3
	B	White pine (Eastern Quotes and Comments)	786
Hemlock, cedar	B	Lumber, softwood, Québec (D692870)	163.4
Other softwoods	C	Pulp and paper index, softwood: Newsprint paper (D691618; 0.6 %) Paper board (D693067; 0.6 %) Woodpulp, sulphate, bleached, domestic (D691604; 83.3 %) Other paper for printing (D691621; 15.5 %)	100.0
Oak, cherry, walnut	A	Veneer and plywood, hardwood (D691529)	139.2
	B	Lumber and ties, hardwood (D691502)	129.6
Yellow birch, basswood	A	Veneer and plywood, hardwood (D691529)	139.2
	B	Lumber and ties, hardwood (D691502)	129.6
White birch, maple, ash, elm, ironwood	A	Veneer and plywood, hardwood (D691529)	139.2
	B	Lumber and ties, hardwood (D691502)	129.6
Poplar/aspens	B	Aspen index: Veneer and plywood, hardwood (D691529; 13.0 %) Waferboard OSB (Random Lengths; 45.6 %) Pallets, wooden (D691568; 41.4 %)	100.0
	C	Waferboard OSB (Random Lengths)	174.3
Other hardwoods	B	Lumber and ties, hardwood (D691502)	129.6
All hardwoods (except Poplar/aspens)	C	Pulp and paper index, hardwood Newsprint paper (D691618; 1.1 %) Paper board (D693067; 23.2 %) Woodpulp, sulphate, bleached, domestic (D691604; 70.9 %) Other paper for printing (D691621; 4.8 %)	100.0

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2. The source of the price indexes and the relative weight of each are indicated in parentheses. The price indexes from Statistics Canada are indicated according to the Cansim number appearing in catalogue 62-011.
3. The reference price index corresponds to the average of the price indexes calculated between 1 April 1994 and 31 March 1995. The weighting given here for the indexes composed of the groups of species Other softwoods, Quality C and All hardwoods (except poplar/aspens), Quality C is preliminary, due to the normal publication deadlines for information in the forest register for the year 1994. The final results will appear in the Minister's Order of March 1996.