

Draft Regulation

An Act respecting immigration to Québec
(R.S.Q., c. I-0.2)

Selection of foreign nationals — Amendments

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 to amend the Regulation respecting the selection of foreign nationals, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The main purpose of the draft regulation is to expand the range of distressful situations which could be the subject of group sponsorship.

To that end, the draft regulation introduces the possibility for a foreign national who is in a distressful situation such that he deserves humanitarian consideration owing to the fact that his physical safety is threatened by risk of imprisonment, torture or death, to benefit from a group sponsorship program.

By expanding the possibility of using a group sponsorship program, the impact of the draft regulation is to facilitate the establishment of candidates that Québec selects for humanitarian reasons and to thus reduce the government expenditures related to that establishment. The draft regulation has no impact on businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Yvan Turcotte, Director of immigration policies and programs, 800, place Victoria, 14^e étage, C.P. 216, Montréal (Québec), H4Z 1E3; tel.: (514) 873-1631; fax: (514) 864-2796.

Any interested person having comments to make is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the Minister for Relations with the Citizens, 360, rue McGill, 4^e étage, Montréal (Québec), H2Y 2E9.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the selection of foreign nationals

An Act respecting immigration to Québec
(R.S.Q., c. I-0.2, s. 3.3, 1^{re} par., subpars. a, b, c, c.1, c.2, c.3, d, f and j)

1. The Regulation respecting the selection of foreign nationals (R.R.Q., 1981, c. M-23.1, r. 2), amended by

the Regulations made by Orders in Council 409-82 dated 24 February 1982 (Suppl., p. 898), 771-82 dated 31 March 1982 (Suppl., p. 899), 2057-84 dated 19 September 1984, 1080-86 dated 16 July 1986, 646-88 dated 4 May 1988, 1504-88 dated 4 October 1988, 229-89 dated 22 February 1989, 922-89 dated 14 June 1989, 1968-89 dated 20 December 1989, 1784-91 dated 18 December 1991, 425-92 dated 25 March 1992, 1109-92 dated 29 July 1992, 1725-92 dated 2 December 1992, 189-93 dated 17 February 1993, 1041-93 dated 21 July 1993, 1238-94 dated 17 August 1994, 1323-95 dated 4 October 1995 and 563-96 dated 15 May 1996 is further amended in section 27:

(1) by substituting the following for subsection 1:

“**27.** (1) Where a foreign national belonging to the class of foreign nationals in a particularly distressful situation referred to in paragraph *a* or *b* or in subparagraph *iii* of paragraph *c* of section 18 files an application with the Minister for a selection certificate, the Minister shall consider the application, taking into account:

(a) the application of a sponsor as prescribed by section 30;

(b) any financial or other assistance offered in Québec; and

(c) the pertinence of factors 3, 7, 8 and 9 in Schedule A.

Where in the Minister’s opinion, the foreign national belonging to the class of foreign nationals in a particularly distressful situation referred to in paragraph *a* or *b* of section 18 is able to establish himself successfully in Québec society, he may issue a selection certificate to him.

Where in the Minister’s opinion, after having considered the affidavit and the papers referred to in subsection 2, the foreign national belonging to the class of foreign nationals in a particularly distressful situation referred to in subparagraph *iii* of paragraph *c* of section 18 has established himself or is able to establish himself successfully in Québec society, the Minister may issue a selection certificate to him.”;

(2) by substituting the words “referred to in subparagraph *i* or *ii* of” for the words “referred to in” in subsection 2.

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