"3. This Regulation does not apply, in respect of accreditation, to government departments, agencies or mandataries or to the bodies listed in the Schedule to the Act. Legal persons and partnerships in which a government department, agency or body holds stocks, shares or assets are also exempted from its application.

In addition, this Regulation does not apply, in respect of accreditation, to publishers described in the Regulation respecting the accreditation of publishers in Québec (R.R.Q., 1981, c. D-8.1, r.3) who distribute their production themselves, if accredited publishers fully comply at all times with the requirements of this Regulation and the Regulation respecting the acquisition of books by certain persons from accredited bookstores (R.R.Q., 1981, c. D-8.1, r.1).

Notwithstanding the above, this Regulation applies to a publisher who distributes the production of another publisher in addition to his own.".

**2.** The following is substituted for the heading of Division V:

"DETERMINATION OF SALES PRICES".

**3.** The following is substituted for Schedule B:

## "SCHEDULE B

(s. 16)

#### **DISCOUNTS**

A distributor shall grant the following minimum discounts to an accredited bookstore:

## **Book categories**

1. Any book not listed under Category 2

40 %

2. Dictionaries, law books, encyclopedias, medical books, books providing an introduction to a science or technology, including the humanities and social sciences, and whose format and presentation are such that the books constitute instructional material

30 %".

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

## **Draft Regulation**

An Act respecting the development of Québec firms in the book industry (R.S.Q., c. D-8.1)

# Application of section 2 of the Act — Amendment

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 application of section 2 of the Act respecting the development of Québec firms in the book industry, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation introduces an amendment which broadens the exemption from the application of section 2 of the Act respecting the development of Québec firms in the book industry. That provision stipulates that financial aid granted by a government department, agency or mandatary in the area of publishing, distribution or bookselling must be granted to persons holding a certificate of accreditation issued under that Act or eligible therefor. Firms will no longer be subject to that accreditation requirement, where financial aid is granted for the purposes of starting up a firm or of establishing a firm outside Québec.

The draft Regulation will increase the number of firms eligible for financial aid from the Government, as the accreditation requirement will no longer apply.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Hélène Vachon, Direction des arts et de la culture, Ministère de la Culture et des Communications, 225, Grande-Allée Est, Québec (Québec), G1R 5G5; tel.: (418) 644-7203, fax: (418) 643-4080.

Any interested person having comments to make on this matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the Minister of Culture and Communications, 225, Grande-Allée Est, 1<sup>er</sup> étage (Bloc A), Québec (Québec), G1R 5G5.

Louise Beaudoin, Minister of Culture and Communications

# Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the application of section 2 of the Act respecting the development of Québec firms in the book industry(\*)

An Act respecting the development of Québec firms in the book industry (R.S.Q., c. D-8.1, s. 38, par. 4)

- **1.** The Regulation respecting the application of section 2 of the Act respecting the development of Québec firms in the book industry (R.R.Q., 1981, c. D-8.1, r. 5) is amended by substituting the following for paragraph 1 of section 1 of Schedule A:
- "(1) financial aid granted by a government department, agency or mandatary, in the area of publishing, distribution or bookselling, for the purposes of starting up a firm or of establishing a firm outside Québec;".
- **2.** 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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## **Draft Regulation**

An Act respecting the development of Québec firms in the book industry (R.S.Q., c. D-8.1)

# Bookstore accreditation

### — 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 accreditation of bookstores, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government at the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

As school manuals are not subject to the application of the Act respecting the development of Québec firms in the book industry, the draft Regulation redefines the term "school manual" in order to simplify the definition and include workbooks.

The draft Regulation increases the volume of book sales required to be eligible for accreditation. On the other hand, a person who is already accredited for one establishment is no longer required to have operated a bookstore for at least three consecutive months when seeking accreditation.

The obligation for an accredited bookstore to maintain an inventory of at least 6 000 different book titles is amended with respect to distribution according to the origin of the books, and Schedule B to the Regulation is consequently replaced. The standard pertaining to inventory content will apply irrespective of the date on which a person obtains accreditation, while allowing up to a year to meet the requirement.

The draft Regulation specifies the number of book titles that a person must have when seeking accreditation as a specialized bookstore. It also requires that the holders of bookstore accreditation submit, for each fiscal period, proof of subscription to the bibliographic material listed in Schedule A. That Schedule is also amended to take technological innovations into account.

The draft Regulation will have little impact on firms. The only amendment which may impose constraints is that concerning the distribution of inventory, and firms have a year during which to comply.

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<sup>\*</sup> The Regulation respecting the application of section 2 of the Act respecting the development of Québec firms in the book industry (R.R.Q., 1981, c. D-8.1, r. 5) has not been amended since it was revised.