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An Act respecting immigration to Québec (R.S.Q., c. I-0.2; 1998, c. 15)

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 purpose of the draft Regulation is to make amendments concerning the selection of temporary workers.

It authorizes the Minister to exempt a spouse who accompanies a worker whose employment has a strategic value for an employer from the conditions related to the issue of a certificate of acceptance as a worker.

The impact of that amendment will be to facilitate the coming to Québec of highly qualified temporary workers whose employment is likely to create or preserve a large number of jobs, openings or benefits for the residents of Québec.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Monique Proulx, Acting Director General, Direction des politiques et programmes d'immigration, 800, place Victoria, 14e étage, C.P. 216, Montréal (Québec) H4Z 1E3; tel. (514) 864-3288, fax: (514) 864-2796.

Any interested person having comments to make on the matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the Minister of Relations with the Citizens and Immigration, 360, rue McGill, 4° 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, ss. 3.2 and 3.3, 1st par., subpars. *e* and *f*.1; 1998, c. 15, a. 5)

- **1.** Section 50 of the Regulation respecting the selection of foreign nationals is amended by inserting the following after subsection 3:
- "3.1 The Minister may exempt a foreign national from the conditions provided for in paragraphs a, b and d to f of subsection 1 where:
- (a) that foreign national is a dependant of a person holding a certificate of acceptance as a worker or an employment authorization issued under the Immigration Act (R.S.C., 1985, c. I-2);
- (b) the person holding the certificate or authorization holds employment likely to create or preserve jobs, openings or other benefits for the residents of Québec.

The certificate of acceptance shall then be issued and, where applicable, renewed for the same duration as that of the certificate or authorization held by the person of whom the foreign national is a dependant.".

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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^{*} The Regulation respecting the selection of foreign nationals (R.R.Q., 1981, c. M-23.1, r. 2) was last amended by the Regulation made by Order in Council 503-98 dated 8 April 1998 (1998, *G.O.* 2, 1611). For previous amendments, refer to the "Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire", Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1998, updated to 1 March 1998.