

1° the number of qualified applicants who have not yet been chosen;

2° the foreseeable number of positions to be filled;

3° the appropriateness of the evaluation procedure used in relation to the type of position.”.

16. Section 39 is amended by inserting the words “or laid off” after the word “dismissed” in the second paragraph.

17. 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

Animal Health Protection Act
(R.S.Q., c. P-42)

Sale of livestock by auction — 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 sale of livestock by auction, 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 withdraw, from the conditions to be met for obtaining a permit to operate an establishment used to sell livestock by auction, the conditions obliging an operator to forward to the Minister security guaranteeing the payment of the sale proceeds and a fire insurance certificate. These obligations will be provided for in a Regulation made under the Act respecting the marketing of agriculture, food and fish products (R.S.Q., c. M-35.1, s. 149), whose draft was published in the French edition of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 20 August 1997, on page 5520.

The draft Regulation also intends to exclude from the regulatory obligations imposed on operators of such establishments those related to the opening and keeping of a special trust account.

Therefore, the purpose of these amendments is to exclude commercial or financial obligations from the current Regulation in order to place more emphasis on sanitary and health protection obligations.

The draft Regulation will have a positive impact on small and medium-sized businesses, since it proposes to reduce the number of obligations.

Further information may be obtained by contacting M. Robert Clermont, Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation, Direction de l'épidémiologie, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 11^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6; tel.: (418) 646-8083, fax: (418) 644-3049.

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 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 12^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the sale of livestock by auction(*)

Animal Health Protection Act
(R.S.Q., c. P-42, s. 45)

1. Sections 13, 13.1, 15 to 18, 30, 36, 37 to 52.1 and Schedules 4 and 7.1 to the Regulation respecting the sale of livestock by auction are revoked.

2. Section 14 is amended:

(1) by substituting “\$323” for “\$300” in the first paragraph;

(2) by substituting “From 1 January 1999, the fees provided for in the first paragraph shall be indexed on 1 April of each year” for “From 1 January 1994, the fees provided for in the first paragraph shall be indexed on 1 January of each year”, in the second paragraph.

3. Section 43 is amended by substituting the figure “35” for the figure “36”.

4. Section 59 is amended by substituting “or 19 to 46” for “13, 13.1, 15 to 17, 19 to 46 or 48 to 52”.

5. Schedule 1 is amended by substituting “and 4” for “, 4, 15, 16, 30 and 52.1” in the first paragraph of Part D.

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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* The Regulation respecting the sale of livestock by auction (R.R.Q., 1981, c. P-42, r. 4) was last amended by the Regulation made by Order in Council 1830-93 dated 15 December 1993 (1993, *G.O.* 2, 7013). For previous amendments, refer to the “Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire”, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1997, updated to 1 September 1997.