

Draft Regulation

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

Forest royalties — 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 forest royalties, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government upon the expiry of 45 days following the date of this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is

— to increase the number of tariffing zones to make them better balanced with respect to stumpage value;

— to specify the processes that are not considered to be part of the cost of carrying out silvicultural treatments and other forest management activities when calculating the value of such treatments and activities accepted as payment of stumpage dues;

— to establish, for the year 2000, the unit rates for holders of a forest management permit for sugar bush management for acericultural purposes; these annual rates will be \$30 to \$50 a hectare, varying according to specific sugar bush zones that correspond to groups of administrative regions and regional county municipalities; and

— to replace the current unit rates for forest management permit holders for a wildlife or recreational development project with unit rates fixed in accordance with the rules of calculation of the stumpage value and varying according to the forest tariffing zones.

Any person having comments to make concerning this matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to Mr. Marc Ledoux, Associate Deputy Minister for Forests, ministère des Ressources naturelles, 880, chemin Sainte-Foy, 10^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 4X4.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting forest royalties*

Forest Act
(R.S.Q., c. F-4.1, ss. 5 and 172, pars. 1, 2, 3 and 9;
1997, c. 33, s. 16)

1. Section 1 of the Regulation respecting forest royalties is amended

(1) by substituting “One hundred and fifty-seven” for “Sixty-five” in the first paragraph; and

(2) by substituting “on the maps” for “in the map” in the second paragraph.

2. Section 3 is amended by inserting the following after the first paragraph:

“Costs related to management planning such as research of areas to be treated and inventories, costs related to monitoring and quality control of the work done, costs related to repair of road infrastructures providing access to the work sites, as well as any other cost not directly incurred for the carrying out of silvicultural treatments or other forest management activities, shall not be considered as part of the cost of carrying out the silvicultural treatments and other forest management activities.”

3. The following is substituted for the first paragraph of section 5:

“5. The unit rate for holders of a forest management permit for sugar bush management for acericultural purposes is fixed, for the year 2000, at \$50, \$45, \$40, \$35 or \$30 a hectare according to the location of the sugar bush in one of the following forest tariffing zones:

* The Regulation respecting forest royalties, made by Order in Council 372-87 dated 18 March 1987 (1987, *G.O.* 2, 1099), was last amended by the Regulation made by Order in Council 52-99 dated 27 January 1999 (1999, *G.O.* 2, 109). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1999, updated to 1 March 1999.

Zone 1 (\$50 a hectare)

1. 05 – Estrie administrative region
2. 12 – Chaudière-Appalaches administrative region, except L'Islet and Montmagny regional county municipalities

3. 16 – La Montérégie administrative region
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Zone 2 (\$45 a hectare)

1. 01 – Bas Saint-Laurent administrative region, except La Matapédia and Matane regional county municipalities
 2. La Jacques-Cartier and Portneuf regional county municipalities
 3. 04 – Mauricie administrative region, except Le Haut-Saint-Maurice regional county municipality
 4. La Vallée-de-la-Gatineau, Les Collines-de-l'Outaouais and Papineau regional county municipalities
 5. 14 – Lanaudière and 15 – Les Laurentides administrative regions
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Zone 3 (\$40 a hectare)

1. Charlevoix, Charlevoix-Est and La Côte-de-Beaupré regional county municipalities
 2. Pontiac regional county municipality
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Zone 4 (\$35 a hectare)

1. La Matapédia and Matane regional county municipalities
 2. Avignon regional county municipality
 3. Témiscamingue regional county municipality
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Zone 5 (\$30 a hectare)

1. All other territories not included in zones 1 to 4
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The administrative regions are those determined by the Government by décret 2000-87 dated 22 December 1987, as amended by décret 1399-88 dated 14 September 1988, décret 1389-89 dated 23 August 1989 and décret 965-97 dated 30 July 1997.”

4. Section 6 is revoked.

5. Section 6.1 is amended

(1) by substituting “rate provided for in section 4” for “rates provided for in sections 4 and 6” in the first paragraph; and

(2) by substituting the following for the second paragraph:

“The amount indexed in the manner prescribed in the first paragraph shall be reduced to the nearest fraction of \$0.10/m³ where it contains a fraction less than \$0.03/m³; it shall be rounded off to the nearest fraction of \$0.05/m³ where it contains a fraction equal to or greater than \$0.03/m³ but less than \$0.08/m³; and it shall be increased to the nearest fraction of \$0.10/m³ where it contains a fraction equal to or greater than \$0.08/m³.”

6. Section 8 is amended

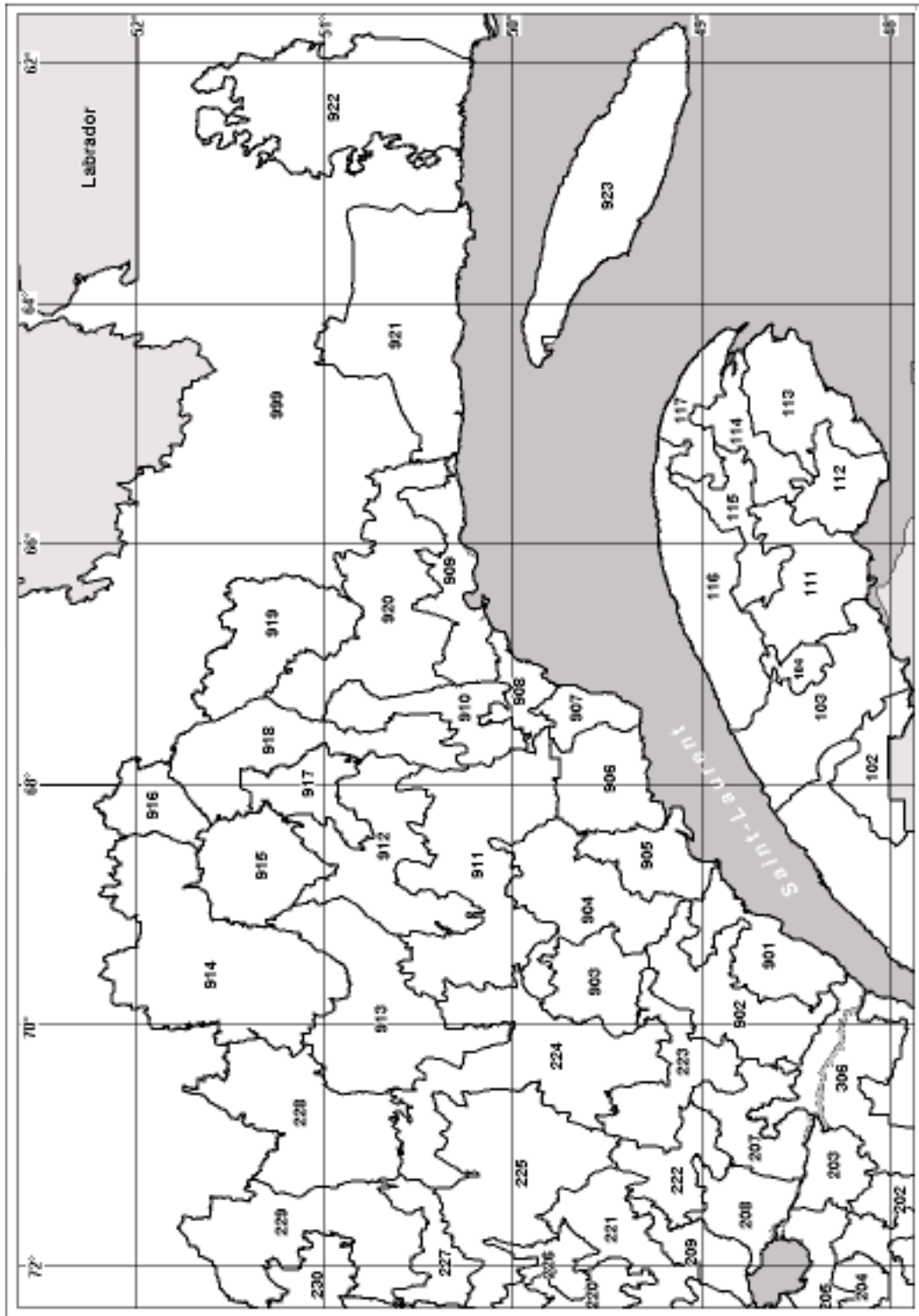
(1) by substituting “, for mining activities and for a wildlife or recreational development project” for “and for mining activities” in the first paragraph; and

(2) by deleting “, in section 6” in the second paragraph.

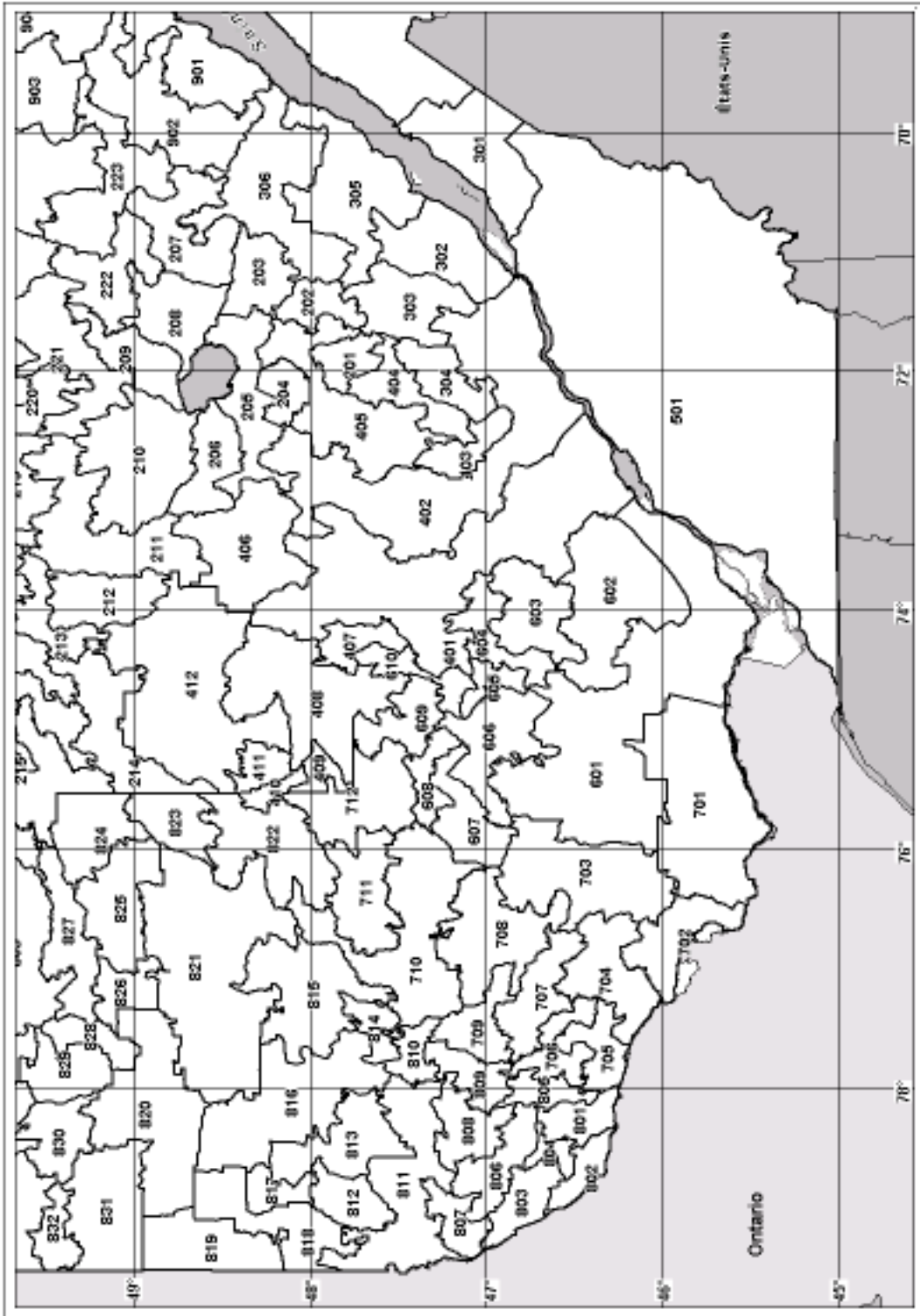
7. The Schedule attached hereto is substituted for Schedule I to the Regulation.

8. This Regulation comes into force on 1 April 2000, except section 3 which comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

SCHEDULE 1
FOREST TARIFFING ZONE (south-eastern section)



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