

In addition, the racing strip must be equipped, all around the inside part, with a continuous hub rail and the paddock should have a building large enough to accommodate 30 horses.

The draft rules propose to allow the holder of a race track licence to provide a race track equipped with a racing strip of seven-eighth of a mile in length and with flexible posts instead of a hub rail around the inside strip. The draft rule proposes that the paddock should be large enough to hold individual stalls in sufficient number for the trainers to bring their horses in the paddock two hours before their race.

To date, study of the draft Rules have shown no negative impact on businesses, including small and medium sized businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting:

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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 President of the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux du Québec, 1281, boulevard Charest Ouest, Québec (Québec) G1N 2C9.

SERGE LAFONTAINE,
President

Rules to amend the Rules respecting certification*

An Act respecting racing
(R.S.Q., c. C-72.1, s. 103, 1st par., par. 2,
subpar. *e and i*)

1. Section 13 of the Rules respecting certification is amended:

(1) by inserting in subparagraph *a* of paragraph 1 of the first paragraph the words “4620 feet by 21,6 metres” after the words “5280 feet by 24,3 metres”;

* The Rules respecting certification, made by the Régie des loteries et des courses at its sitting of 1 October 1984 (1984, *G.O.* 2, 3568), were last amended by the Rules to amend the Rules respecting certification made by the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux at its sitting of 27 June 1985 (1985, *G.O.* 2, 2378). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1998, updated to 1 September 1998.

(2) by inserting in subparagraph *b* of paragraph 1 of the first paragraph with the following:

“(b) with, all around the inside part, flexible posts or a hub rail which flat surface perpendicular to the ground shall have a minimum width of 30 centimetres and its bottom part shall be situated between 30 centimetres and 60 centimetres from the ground;”;

(3) by substituting subparagraph *a* of paragraph 2 of the first paragraph with the following:

“(a) individual stalls in sufficient number to allow trainers to bring their horses in the paddock two hours before the start of their race;”.

2. These Rules come into force on the fifteenth day following the date of their publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Rules

An Act respecting racing
(R.S.Q., c. C-72.1)

Rules respecting Standardbred horse racing — 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 Rules to amend the Rules respecting Standardbred horse racing, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

According to section 91 of the Rules respecting Standardbred horse racing nine horses may start in a race in the first line on a racing strip longer than half a mile but shorter than a mile. Ten horses may start in a race in the first line on a racing strip longer than a mile. Section 214 of these rules provide for an 8-foot space between the horses on the starting line in order to insure the safety of the horses and the drivers. Section 217 of these rules provide standards regarding the positions of horses in the first line when claiming races are held.

The draft rules propose to allow eleven horses to start in the first line on a racing strip of at least seven-eighth of a mile and to reduce the distance between the starting horses from eight to seven feet.

The amendments are intended to foster the competition between participants and will add to the excitement of horse racing.

To date, study of the draft Rules have shown no negative impact on businesses, including small and medium sized businesses.

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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 President of the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux du Québec, 1281, boulevard Charest Ouest, Québec (Québec) G1N 2C9.

SERGE LAFONTAINE,
President,

Rules to amend the Rules respecting Standardbred horse racing*

(R.S.Q., c. C-72.1, s. 103, 1st par., par. 2, subpar. *a* and *c*)

1. Section 91 of the Rules respecting Standardbred horse racing is amended by substituting subparagraph *b* and *c* of paragraph 1 with the following:

“(b) 9, on a racing strip longer than half a mile but shorter than seven-eighth of a mile;

(c) 11, on a racing strip of no less than seven-eighth of a mile long;”.

2. Section 214 is amended by substituting the number 8 for the number 7 in the first paragraph.

3. Section 217 is amended:

(1) by substituting the words “than seven-eighth of a mile” for the words “than a mile” in paragraph 2 of the second paragraph;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end of the second paragraph:

“(3) on a racing strip of not less than seven-eighth of a mile long:

(a) first position on the first line;

(b) second position on the first line;

(c) third position on the first line;

(d) fourth position on the first line;

(e) first position on the second line;

(f) fifth position on the first line;

(g) sixth position on the first line;

(h) seventh position on the first line;

(i) eighth position on the first line;

(j) second position on the second line;

(k) ninth position on the first line;

(l) tenth position on the first line;

(m) eleventh position on the first line;

(n) third position on the second line;

(o) fourth position on the second line;

(p) the others are placed in similar fashion to the right of the horse having the fourth position on the second line.”.

4. These Rules come into force on the fifteenth day following the date of their publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Regulation

Supplemental Pension Plans Act
(R.S.Q., c. R-15.1)

Plans exempted from the application of certain provisions of the Act — 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 plans exempted from the application of certain provi-

* The Rules respecting Standardbred horse racing, made by the Régie des loteries et des courses at its sitting of 19 September 1990 (1990, *G.O.* 2, 2491), were last amended by the Rules to amend the Rules respecting Standardbred horse racing made by the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux at its sitting of 2 September 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 4625). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1998, updated to 1 September 1998.