

3. The Director of Administration is authorized to sign, for his sector of activity:

- (1) calls for tenders and services contracts;
- (2) calls for tenders and supply contracts.

The Director of Administration is also authorized, for his sector of activity, to certify as true any document or copy of a document emanating from the department or forming part of its records.

4. The Director of Administration is authorized to sign, in connection with all departmental activities:

- (1) calls for tenders, services contracts and supply contracts;
- (2) construction contracts;
- (3) deeds or contracts for the alienation of surplus movable property;
- (4) agreements for the occupancy and layout of immovables with the Société immobilière du Québec;
- (5) agreements on the granting of subsidies governed by standards approved by the Government or the Conseil du trésor.

5. The Secretary of the department is authorized to sign, for the branch under his responsibility, for an amount up to \$25 000:

- (1) calls for tenders and services contracts, except those those related to information technologies;
- (2) calls for tenders and supply contracts, except those related to information technologies;
- (3) agreements on the granting of subsidies governed by standards approved by the Government or the Conseil du Trésor.

6. A director is authorized to sign, for the branch under his responsibility, for an amount up to \$25 000:

- (1) calls for tenders and services contracts, except those related to information technologies;
- (2) calls for tenders and supply contracts, except those related to information technologies;

(3) agreements on the granting of subsidies governed by standards approved by the Government or the Conseil du trésor.

7. A service head is authorized to sign, for the service under his responsibility, for an amount up to \$10 000:

- (1) calls for tenders and services contracts, except those related to information technologies;
- (2) calls for tenders and supply contracts, except those related to information technologies;
- (3) agreements on the granting of subsidies governed by standards approved by the Government or the Conseil du trésor.

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Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 288-2000, 15 March 2000

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

Fonds forestier — Contribution of holders of timber supply and forest management agreements — Amendments

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the contribution of holders of timber supply and forest management agreements to the Fonds forestier

WHEREAS under the first paragraph of section 73.4 of the Forest Act (R.S.Q., c. F-4.1), every holder of a timber supply and forest management agreement must, at such intervals as are determined by regulation of the Government, pay to the Minister a contribution for the financing of activities related to seedling production, forest inventory data and forest research;

WHEREAS under the second paragraph of section 73.4 of the Act, the contribution shall be established by the Minister on the basis of a rate per cubic metre of timber, fixed by regulation of the Government, that is applicable to the volume of timber allotted to the agreement holder in his agreement and is determined on the date or dates fixed by the regulation;

WHEREAS under paragraph 18.2 of section 172 of the Act, the Government may, by regulation, fix the rate referred to in section 73.4, the date or dates on which the volume allotted to an agreement holder under an agreement must be determined for the purposes of the contribution, and determine the intervals, dates and methods of payment of the contribution;

WHEREAS in accordance with sections 10, 12 and 13 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), a draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the contribution of holders of timber supply and forest management agreements to the Fonds forestier, attached to this Order in Council, was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 9 February 2000 with a notice that it could be made by the Government upon the expiry of 15 days following that publication;

WHEREAS under section 18 of the Regulations Act, a regulation may come into force earlier than the date applicable under section 17 where the authority that has approved it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

WHEREAS under section 18 of that Act, the reason justifying such coming into force shall be published with the regulation;

WHEREAS the Government is of the opinion that the urgency due to the following circumstances justifies the coming into force of the regulation attached to this Order in Council on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*:

— the rate per cubic metre is established on the basis of the total volume of timber allotted to the holders of TSFMS and the data is now available for the 2000-2001 fiscal year;

— the rate must be in force on 1 April 2000 so as to allow for the collection of contributions from the holders of TSFMS;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Natural Resources:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the contribution of holders of timber supply and forest management agreements to the Fonds forestier, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

MICHEL NOËL DE TILLY,
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the contribution of holders of timber supply and forest management agreements to the Fonds forestier*

Forest Act
(R.S.Q., c. F-4.1, ss. 73.4 and 172, par. 18.2)

1. Section 2 of the Regulation respecting the contribution of holders of timber supply and forest management agreements to the Fonds forestier is amended by adding the following paragraph after paragraph 4:

“(5) \$0.3475 for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.”

2. This Regulation comes into force on 1 April 2000.

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Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 308-2000, 22 March 2000

An Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses
(R.S.Q., c. A-13.3)

Financial assistance for education expenses — Amendments

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting financial assistance for education expenses

WHEREAS under section 57 of the Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses (R.S.Q., c. A-13.3), as amended by section 12 of Chapter 90 of the Statutes of 1997, the Government may make regulations for the purposes of the Act;

WHEREAS by Order in Council 844-90 dated 20 June 1990, the Government made the Regulation respecting financial assistance for education expenses;

WHEREAS it is expedient to further amend the Regulation respecting financial assistance for education expenses;

* The Regulation respecting the contribution of holders of timber supply and forest management agreements to the Fonds forestier was made by Order in Council 1115-96 dated 4 September 1996 (1996, *G.O.* 2, 3980) was amended by the Regulation made by Order in Council 268-99 dated 24 March 1999 (1999, *G.O.* 2, 359).