ministration of legislation respecting the professions; they may also be sent to the professional order that made the Regulation, as well as to interested citizens, departments and bodies.

JEAN-K. SAMSON, Chairman of the Office des professions du Québec

Regulation to amend the Code of ethics of respiratory therapists of Quebec*

Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26, s. 87)

- **1.** The Code of ethics of respiratory therapists of Québec is amended by the addition of the following paragraphs subsections after paragraph 10 of section 38:
- "(11) communicating with a claimant upon learning of an investigation into his professional conduct or competence or upon receiving notice of a complaint against him, without the prior written permission of the syndic or an assistant syndic;
- (12) intimidating any person or carrying out or threatening to carry out reprisals against any person on the grounds that:
- i. such person has denounced or intends to denounce derogatory conduct or behaviour;
- ii. such person has participated or collaborated in or intends to participate or collaborate in an investigation relating to derogatory conduct or behaviour."
- **2.** This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Ouébec*.

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Draft Regulation

An Act respecting liquor permits (R.S.Q., c. P-9.1)

Alcoholic beverages

- Promotion, advertising and educational programs
- 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 promotion, advertising and educational programs relating to alcoholic beverages, the text of which appears below, may be approved by the Government upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation proposes that in any advertising for table wine sold by a grocer under a proprietary brand, it be prohibited to indicate the grape variety or the mark of origin. Those amendments are intended to harmonize that Regulation with the Regulation respecting the terms of sale of alcoholic beverages by holders of a grocery permit, which prescribes rules for the marketing of alcoholic beverages in Québec.

The draft Regulation also relaxes the rules for the tasting of alcoholic beverages. It eliminates the present restrictions on who may serve wines for tasting purposes, as well as the manufacturers' obligation to give notice of the tasting and the Régie's obligation to grant authorization to that end. In addition to reducing the regulatory constraints governing that activity, the amendments facilitate the marketing of products and eliminate the administrative burden imposed on manufacturers and the Régie when such an activity is held.

To date, study of the matter has revealed no negative impact on businesses, in particular small and mediumsized businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting:

Michèle Rousseau, advocate, Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux, 1, rue Notre-Dame Est, Montréal (Québec) H2Y 1B6, tel. (514) 864-3779.

Any interested person having comments to make is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to Mr. Artur Pires, Secretary of the Régie des alcools, des courses et de jeux, 560, boulevard Charest Est, Québec (Québec) G1K 3J3.

SERGE LAFONTAINE, President

^{*} The Code of ethics of respiratory therapists of Québec was approved by Order in Council 451-99 dated April 21, 1999 (1999, *G.O.* 2, 1105). This regulation has not been amended since that date.

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting promotion, advertising and educational programs relating to alcoholic beverages*

An Act respecting liquor permits (R.S.Q., c. P-9.1, s. 114, pars. 1.1, 12 and 12.1)

1. The following paragraph is added at the end of section 1 of the Regulation respecting promotion, advertising and educational programs relating to alcoholic beverages:

"In addition, in this Regulation,

"distributor" means any person authorized by the Société des alcools du Québec under subparagraph h of the first paragraph of section 17 of the Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec (R.S.Q., c. S-13); (distributeur)

"manufacturer" means the Corporation, in respect of the alcoholic beverages it bottles under its own name, a holder of a permit issued under the Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec, any other supplier of alcoholic beverages to the Corporation and an agent or representative of those persons; (fabricant)

"permit holder" means a person holding a permit issued under the Act respecting liquor permits (R.S.Q., c. P-9.1); (titulaire de permis)"

"tasting" means a promotional activity at which a manufacturer serves alcoholic beverages in a small quantity for the sole purpose of tasting the beverage. (dégustation)

2. The following paragraph is added at the end of section 5:

"No advertising, including audio, video, printed or computerized advertising, may indicate the grape variety or the mark of origin of a table wine sold by the holder of a grocery permit under a proprietary brand.".

3. The fourth paragraph of section 6 is deleted.

- **4.** Section 12 is amended
- (1) by deleting subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph; and
 - (2) by deleting the second and third paragraphs.
- **5.** Sections 13 and 14 are revoked.
- **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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Draft Regulation

An Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec (R.S.Q., c. S-13)

Alcoholic beverages

- Terms of sale by holders of a grocery permit
- 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 terms of sale of alcoholic beverages by holders of a grocery permit, 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 relax certain rules governing the marketing of wine in groceries.

To that end, it proposes to amend the Regulation respecting the terms of sale of alcoholic beverages by holders of a grocery permit so as to allow the sale in groceries of table wines under the proprietary brand of the holder of a wine maker's permit in association with the brand name of a person authorized to sell alcoholic beverages under subparagraph h of the first paragraph of section 17 of the Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec. It provides that the holder of a wine maker's permit shall file a declaration in the register of proprietary brands kept by the Corporation and that the brand name of a person authorized to sell alcoholic beverages under subparagraph h of the first paragraph of section 17 of the Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec shall comply with the regulatory provisions made under the Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec. Finally, it proposes an adjustment concerning the bottling of wine.

^{*} The Regulation respecting promotion, advertising and educational programs relating to alcoholic beverages, made by Order in Council 1529-91 dated 6 November 1991 (1991, G.O. 2, 4466) was last amended by the Regulation made by Order in Council 610-94 dated 27 April 1994 (1994, G.O. 2, 1588). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 2000, updated to 1 February 2000.