Such annual leave need not follow immediately a paid leave of two weeks. However, it may not be divided, or be replaced by a compensatory indemnity.".

- **8.** Section 26.01 is amended by deleting, in the first paragraph, the following sentence: "The insurance contract is subject to the approval of the Inspector General of Financial Institutions of Québec and its guarantee is subject to his supervision."
- **9.** This Decree comes into force on the day of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 608-2001, 23 May 2001

Consumer Protection Act (R.S.Q., c. P-40.1)

Policy on accurate pricing for merchants who use optical scanner technology

— Amendment to Order in Council 11-2001 dated 11 January 2001

Amendment to Order in Council 11-2001 dated 11 January 2001 concerning a policy on accurate pricing for merchants who use optical scanner technology

WHEREAS under section 314 of the Consumer Protection Act (R.S.Q., c. P-40.1), the president of the Office de la protection du consommateur may accept a voluntary undertaking from a person with the object of governing the relations between a merchant, or group of merchants, and consumers;

WHEREAS under section 315.1 of the Act, the Government may, by order and with or without modification, extend the application of a voluntary undertaking made under section 314 to all merchants in the same sector of activity, for all or part of the territory of Québec;

WHEREAS several merchants who use the universal product code optical scanner technology and who intend to use the exemption prescribed in section 91.4 of the Regulation respecting the application of the Consumer Protection Act (R.R.Q., 1981, c. P-40.1, r. 1) introduced by section 4 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the application of the Consumer Protection Act made by Order in Council 10-2001 dated 11 January 2001 have entered into a voluntary undertaking to adopt and implement a policy on accurate pricing of goods sold in their establishments;

WHEREAS by Order in Council 11-2001 dated 11 January 2001, the Government extended the application of such voluntary undertaking to all merchants who use the universal product code optical scanner technology and who intend to use the exemption mentioned above, for all of the territory of Québec.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Order in Council to correct a clerical error;

WHEREAS under section 12 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), a proposed regulation may be made without having been published as provided for in section 8 of the Act where the authority making it is of the opinion that the urgency due to the situation requires it;

WHEREAS under section 18 of that Act, a regulation may come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* where the authority that has made it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

WHEREAS under sections 13 and 18 of that Act, the reason justifying the absence of prior publication and such a 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 absence of prior publication and such a coming into force:

— Order in Council 11-2001 dated 11 January 2001 came into force on 24 February 2001 and it is expedient to correct forthwith the mistake in paragraph 2 of section 1 of the Voluntary Undertaking attached to that Order in Council so as to render it consistent with the equivalent provision of the undertaking entered into by the merchants;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make this Order in Council;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Relations with the Citizens and Immigration:

THAT section 1 of the Voluntary Undertaking attached to Order in Council 11-2001 dated 11 January 2001 be amended by substituting "paragraph 1" for "subparagraph *a*", in paragraph 2;

THAT this Order in Council come into force on the date of its publication in the Gazette officielle du Québec.

JEAN ST-GELAIS, Clerk of the Conseil exécutif