

**M.O., 2001**

Code of Penal Procedure  
(R.S.Q., c. C-25.1)

**Order of the Minister of Justice, Attorney General  
dated 20 August 2001**

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of section 204 of the Code of Penal Procedure (R.S.Q., c. C-25.1) which provides that testimony shall be taken in the manner determined by order of the Minister of Justice;

CONSIDERING the publication in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 April 2001, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), of a draft Regulation respecting the taking of witnesses' depositions in penal matters, attached to this Order with a notice that it could be made upon the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

CONSIDERING the absence of comments from the public following this consultation;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to make the aforementioned draft Regulation without amendment;

ORDERS:

THAT the Regulation respecting the taking of witnesses' depositions in penal matters, the text of which is attached to this Order, be made.

Sainte-Foy, 20 August 2001

PAUL BÉGIN,  
*Minister of Justice*

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**Regulation respecting the taking of  
witnesses' depositions in penal matters**

Code of Penal Procedure  
(R.S.Q., c. C-25.1, s. 204)

1. The depositions of witnesses before the courts in penal matters may be taken by stenotypy, by stenography, by means of an apparatus commonly called "stenomask", or by means of sound only or sound and picture recording apparatus.

The taking of depositions before the court by means of sound only or sound and picture recording apparatus shall be done by the personnel of the court or by any person designated by the clerk.

The recording shall make it possible to listen to and, where applicable, to watch the depositions, as well as to transcribe, preserve and issue true copies of the depositions.

2. 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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