

**24.** The Minister of Labour shall recommend to the Government the name of a person who has been declared qualified to be appointed as commissioner to the Commission, after consultation with the most representative associations of workers and employers' associations.

#### **DIVISION IX** **CONFIDENTIALITY**

**25.** The names of applicants, the reports of selection committees, the register, the list of applicants declared qualified to be appointed as commissioners to the Commission, as well as any information or document relating to a consultation or decision by a committee, are confidential.

**26.** 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**

Forest Act  
(R.S.Q., c. F-4.1; 2001, c. 6)

#### **Fonds forestier** **— Contribution of holders of certain contracts and agreements to the Fonds forestier**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 12 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting the contribution of holders of certain contracts and agreements to the Fonds forestier, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government upon the expiry of 20 days following this publication.

The purpose of the Regulation is to set, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year, the rate per cubic metre of timber which serves as a basis for determining the contribution of holders of timber supply and forest management agreements, forest management agreements, forest management contracts or auxiliary timber supply guarantee agreements to the forestry fund.

Under section 13 of the Act, the draft Regulation may be made at the expiry of a period shorter than required under section 11 of that Act, due to the urgency of the following circumstances:

— the contribution to the forestry fund finances the activities relating to forest management;

— given the importance of these activities and in order not to affect their financing by the forestry fund, it is essential that a rate come into effect on 1 April 2002.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Francine Beaulieu, Director, Coordination sectorielle, ministère des Ressources naturelles, Forêt Québec, 880, chemin Sainte-Foy, 10<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 4X4; tel.: (418) 627-8652; fax: (418) 528-1278.

Any interested person having comments to make on the draft Regulation is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 20-day period, to the Minister of Natural Resources, 5700, 4<sup>e</sup> Avenue Ouest, local A 308, Charlesbourg (Québec) G1H 6R1.

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### **Regulation respecting the contribution of holders of certain contracts and agreements to the Fonds forestier**

Forest Act  
(R.S.Q., c. F-4.1, ss. 73.4, 95.2.1, 104.5 and 172, par. 18.2; 2001, c. 6, ss. 59, 82, 91, 176 and 184)

**1.** Holders of a timber supply and forest management agreement, of a forest management agreement, of a forest management contract or of an auxiliary timber supply guarantee agreement shall pay their contribution into the forestry fund within a fiscal year on 1 April, 1 July, 1 October and 1 January.

**2.** The rate per cubic metre of timber on which the holder's contribution is based shall be \$2.09 for the 2002-2003 fiscal year, that is, \$0.5225 quarterly.

**3.** The volume of timber to which the quarterly rate established in section 2 applies shall be determined on the contribution dates provided for in section 1.

The volume of timber under the first paragraph is the volume allotted to an agreement holder, the volume authorized under the management permit of a forest management contract holder or the auxiliary volume specified in an auxiliary timber supply guarantee agreement, as the case may be.

**4.** The Minister shall send the holder an assessment notice on the dates provided for in section 1.

The holder of an agreement or a contract shall pay the required contribution within 30 days of the date indicated on the notice of assessment.

**5.** This Regulation replaces the Regulation respecting the contribution of holders of timber supply and forest management agreements to the Fonds forestier made by Order in Council 1115-96 dated 4 September 1996.

**6.** This Regulation comes into force on 1 April 2002.

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## Draft Regulation

An Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (R.S.Q., c. R-10)

### Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan — Partition and assignment of benefits accrued — 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 partition and assignment of benefits accrued under the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan, 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 amend the Regulation respecting the partition and assignment of benefits accrued under the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan, made by Order in Council 351-91 dated 20 March 1991, following the coming into force of the Act to amend the pension plans of the public and parapublic sectors (2000, c. 32).

More particularly, the draft Regulation provides for an amendment to the formula used to establish the value of benefits accrued to a member under the pension plan, where they correspond to a pension or deferred pension, so as to include therein the new pension indexing formula applicable as of 1 January 2000 and corresponding to the highest of the following rates:

(1) 50% of the rate of increase in the Pension Index determined under the Act respecting the Québec Pension Plan; or

(2) the amount by which the rate of increase in the Pension Index determined under the Act respecting the Québec Pension Plan exceeds 3%.

Those amendments have no significant financial impact on the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan.

Study of the matter has revealed no negative impact on the public and businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Serge Birtz, director of legal and normative services, Commission administrative des régimes de retraite et d'assurances, 475, rue Saint-Amable, 7<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5X3; tel. (418) 644-9910, fax: (418) 644-0265.

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 Mr. Luc Bessette, Chair of the Commission administrative des régimes de retraite et d'assurances, at the above-mentioned address.

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Conseil du trésor*

## Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the partition and assignment of benefits accrued under the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan\*

An Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (R.S.Q., c. R-10, s. 134, 1st par., subpars. 14.2 to 14.6; 2000, c. 32, s. 97)

**1.** Section 8 of the Regulation respecting the partition and assignment of benefits accrued under the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan is amended by substituting the following for the first paragraph:

“**8.** Where the accrued benefits correspond to a pension, a deferred pension or a pension credit, the value of those benefits shall be equal to the amount “D” in the following formula:

\* The Regulation respecting the partition and assignment of benefits accrued under the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan, made by Order in Council 351-91 dated 20 March 1991 (1991, *G.O.* 2, 1307), was last amended by the Regulation made by Order in Council 1428-98 dated 27 November 1998 (1998, *G.O.* 2, 4779). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 2001, updated to 1 September 2001.