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

Regulation — 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 application of the Consumer Protection Act, 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 Regulation is to introduce the obligation for any person selling ready-to-wear reading glasses over the counter, other than an optometrist or a dispensing optician, to affix a warning message on those glasses. This measure follows the coming into force of the Act to amend the Professional Code and other legislative provisions (2000, c. 13) which lifts restrictions on the sale of ready-to-wear reading glasses having single vision spherical lenses only, of identical power in both lenses of between +0.50 and +3.25 dioptres.

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Any person having comments to make is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the Minister of Relations with the Citizens and Immigration, 360, rue McGill, 4^e étage, Montréal (Québec) H2Y 2E9.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the application of the Consumer Protection Act*

Consumer Protection Act
(R.S.Q., c. P-40.1, s. 350, par. c)

1. The Regulation respecting the application of the Consumer Protection Act is amended by inserting the following chapter after section 50:

“CHAPTER IV.1 PRESENTATION STANDARDS

50.1. A label must be attached to ready-to-wear reading glasses referred to in the second paragraph of section 15 of the Dispensing Opticians Act (R.S.Q., c. O-6) and in the fourth paragraph of section 25 of the Optometry Act (R.S.Q., c. O-7) when they are sold without prescription by a person other than a dispensing optician or an optometrist. The label must contain the following message, printed in typeface of at least 12 points:

“WARNING

Ready-to-wear reading glasses sold without prescription are designed for occasional use by persons 40 years of age or older who suffer from presbyopia. These glasses are not designed to replace corrective glasses sold by prescription. The use of ready-to-wear reading glasses does not replace regular eye examinations to assess the health of your eyes and determine your needs with respect to your vision.”

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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* The Regulation respecting the application of the Consumer Protection Act (R.R.Q., 1981, c. P-40.1, r. 1) was last amended by the Regulation made by Order in Council 547-2001 dated 9 May 2001 (2001, *G.O.* 2, 2280). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 2001, updated to 1 September 2001.