

Draft Regulation

Animal Health Protection Act
(R.S.Q., c. P-42)

Dog owners — Registration

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 respecting the registration of certain dog owners, 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 determine, to the extent and on the terms and conditions fixed therein, the animal owners who must register with the Minister, the information to be kept and furnished by owners and the applicable registration fees.

To date, study of the matter has revealed no significant impact on businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Dr Robert Clermont, Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 11^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6, tel. (418) 380-2100, fax: (418) 380-2169.

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 the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 12^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6.

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Regulation respecting the registration of certain dog owners

Animal Health Protection Act
(R.S.Q., c. P-42, s. 3.0.1; 2000, c. 40, s. 4)

1. Every owner of at least three dogs (*Canis familiaris*) kept at any given time in the year in a pet shop, a kennel where a commercial, breeding or charitable activity is carried on, a pound, a research laboratory, a shelter for animals or any other location for any commercial activity shall register with the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

For the purposes of the first paragraph, puppies under six months of age from a single litter of a dog referred to in that paragraph shall not be counted.

2. An owner who applies for registration shall complete and return the registration form provided by the Minister, with the following information :

(1) for a natural person, the person's name, address of domicile, telephone number and, where applicable, electronic mail address, internet site and fax number ;

(2) for a sole proprietorship, a partnership or a legal person, its name, the address and telephone number of its principal establishment, its registration number assigned under the Act respecting the legal publicity of sole proprietorships, partnerships and legal persons (R.S.Q., c. P-45) and, where applicable, its electronic mail address, internet site and fax number ;

(3) any relevant detail making it possible to identify each location where the dogs are kept, including the establishment category, address and telephone number of each establishment and, if one of them is a dwelling house, the occupant's name and telephone number ; and

(4) the number of dogs in each location at the time the information is sent, the number of dogs that may be kept there on a daily basis and the number of dogs that may be kept on a yearly basis.

The owner shall attest to the truthfulness of the information entered on the registration form and sign the form.

The owner must inform the Minister within 30 days of any change in the information prescribed by subparagraphs 1 to 3 of the first paragraph.

Subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph does not apply to a shelter or charitable organization for dogs that are kept in a dwelling house for provisional adoption.

3. An owner who registers shall send to the Minister, together with the registration form, a postal money order or a certified cheque in the amount of \$30 payable to the Minister of Finance, the Economy and Research for the first location, plus \$5 for each additional location. When an owner informs the Minister of any new location to be included in the registration, the owner shall at the same time send a postal money order or a certified cheque in the amount of \$5 payable to the Minister of Finance, the Economy and Research for each new location. Those amounts are not refundable.

As of 1 April 2004, those amounts shall be increased on 1 April of each year according to the rate of increase in the general Consumer Price Index for Canada, as determined by Statistics Canada, for the period ending on 30 September of the preceding year. Those amounts shall be reduced to the nearest dollar where they contain a fraction of a dollar less than \$0.50; they shall be increased to the nearest dollar where they contain a fraction of a dollar equal to or greater than \$0.50.

The Minister shall inform the public of the indexing calculated under the second paragraph through the *Gazette officielle du Québec* or by such other means as the Minister considers appropriate.

4. Within 30 days of receiving the registration form or an application for a change in the locations covered by the registration, with the prescribed costs, the Minister shall issue to the owner a registration certificate for each declared location where the animals are kept or for each new location declared, as the case may be. In addition to the information prescribed by subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph of section 2 concerning the location covered by the certificate, the expiry date of the owner's registration shall also appear on the certificate.

5. An owner shall keep and update the following documents in each location where the dogs are kept:

(1) the documents in support of any transfer of ownership of the dogs that specify in particular the date of the transfer, the names and addresses of the parties involved in the transfer, the nature thereof and that provide a description of the dogs including their sex, breed, age, colour and any other information enabling them to be identified;

(2) the registration certificate issued by the Minister; and

(3) in the case of a shelter or a charitable organization, a register containing the address of the dwelling house where the dogs are kept for provisional adoption, and the name and telephone number of its occupant.

The documents referred to in subparagraphs 1 and 3 of the first paragraph shall be kept in chronological order respectively in a state that facilitates consultation for at least three years after they are created. The documents referred to in the first paragraph must be available at all times for inspection at the request of an inspector.

6. Registration is valid for three years and shall be renewed in the manner provided for in sections 2 and 3, at least 60 days before the expiry date appearing on the registration certificate issued by the Minister.

7. Every dog owner referred to in section 1 on (*enter the date of coming into force of this Regulation*) shall register with the Minister no later than 90 days after that date.

8. 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

Courts of Justice Act
(R.S.Q., c. T-16)

An Act respecting municipal courts
(R.S.Q., c. C-72.01)

Municipal Courts

— Tariff of Courts Costs in Civil Matters and Court Office Fees

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 respecting the Tariff of Courts Costs in Civil Matters and Court Office Fees applicable before Municipal Courts, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government upon the expiry of 20 days following this publication.

Under section 12 of that Act, the draft Regulation may be made at the expiry of a period shorter than the 45-day period provided for in section 11 of that Act by reason of the urgency due to the following circumstances:

— the Act to reform the Code of Civil Procedure (2002, c. 7) came into force on 1 January 2003 and the Tariff of court costs in civil matters and court office fees applicable before municipal courts other than the municipal courts of the cities of Laval, Montréal and Québec must be replaced to apply the tariff by class to actions instituted by means of the new proceeding introductive of suit and to revise the amounts in the tariff;

— the municipal courts of Laval, Montréal and Québec are now subject to all the provisions of the Act respecting municipal courts and they must be subjected to the Tariff of court costs in civil matters and court office fees applicable before municipal courts;