

Draft Regulations

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

Forest management plans and reports — 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 forest management plans and reports, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation amends the Regulation respecting forest management plans and reports in order to

— take into account the amendments made to section 170 of the Act to amend the Forest Act and other legislative provisions (2001, c. 6) by the Act to amend the Forest Act and other legislative provisions and to enact certain special provisions applicable to forest management activities prior to 1 April 2006 (2003, c. 16), which clarify certain aspects concerning the volumes of ligneous matter left on the harvest sites that must be evaluated yearly by the holders of forest management agreements; and to

— take into account the postponement for one year of the date of filing of the forest management plans provided for in the Act to amend the Forest Act and other legislative provisions and to enact certain special provisions applicable to forest management activities prior to 1 April 2006.

To date, the amendments proposed in the draft Regulation have shown no specific impact on businesses, in particular small and medium-sized businesses, owing to the fact that the provisions in the draft Regulation are harmonization provisions.

Any person having comments to make on the draft Regulation is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to Marc Ledoux, Associate Deputy Minister for Forests, ministère des Ressources naturelles, de la Faune et des Parcs, 880, chemin Sainte-Foy, 10^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 4X4.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting forest management plans and reports*

Forest Act
(R.S.Q., c. F-4.1, s. 172, 1st par., subpars. 3.1 and 7)

1. The Regulation respecting forest management plans and reports is amended in section 12 by replacing “This part also contains, by forest management sector, the result of the evaluations referred to in section 170 of the Act to amend the Forest Act and other legislative provisions (2001, c. 6), namely :” in paragraph 1 by “This part also contains the result of the evaluations referred to in section 170 of the Act to amend the Forest Act and other legislative provisions (2001, c. 6), as amended by section 56 of the Act to amend the Forest Act and other legislative provisions and to enact certain special provisions applicable to forest management activities prior to 1 April 2006 (2003, c. 16), namely :” and “- an evaluation of the volume of ligneous matter usable but not harvested and left on the management sector by the agreement holder, once all silvicultural treatments and other forest management activities have been carried out in that sector.” by “- an evaluation of the volume of ligneous matter left on the harvest sites of the common area; the volume includes the trees or parts of trees, by species or group of species, that should have been harvested in carrying out the silvicultural treatments under the forest management permit in the fiscal year to which the report applies.”.

2. Section 16.1 is amended by replacing “31 March 2004” by “31 March 2005”.

3. Section 16.2 is amended by replacing “31 August 2006” by “31 August 2007” and “1 April 2005” by “1 April 2006”.

4. 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 forest management plans and reports, made by Order in Council 418-89 dated 22 March 1989 (1989, *G.O.* 2, 1553), was last amended by the regulation made by Order in Council 192-2002 dated 28 February 2002 (2002, *G.O.* 2, 1575). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Québec Official Publisher, 2004, updated to 1 March 2004.