

Draft Regulations

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Mining Act
(R.S.Q., c. M-13.1)

Mineral substances other than petroleum, natural gas and brine — 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 mineral substances other than petroleum, natural gas and brine, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to increase the amount of the royalties payable under section 155 of the Mining Act (R.S.Q., c. M-13.1) and applicable to crushed stone and any stone used for construction. It also removes the regulatory fee requirement for the issue of a registration certificate in relation to certain mining rights, which has become superfluous because of its accessory nature. Lastly, it removes the possibility of deferring payment of the guarantee required under section 232.4 of the Mining Act.

The draft Regulation will have minimal impact on certain businesses. The amount of the royalties payable for crushed stone and for stone used for construction is increased by \$0.05/m.t., which will increase revenues by approximately \$80,000 per year. The removal of the possibility of deferring payment of the guarantee could have an impact on some twenty businesses required to pay the guarantee set out in the schedule without the possibility of deferring payment. That measure could represent approximately \$51,000 more to be paid yearly by all enterprises taken together for the period between 2005 and 2019.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Jean-Marc Charbonneau, Director, Direction du développement minéral, Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune, 5700, 4^e avenue Ouest, bureau C 403, Charlesbourg (Québec) G1H 6R1; telephone: 1 800 363-7233, extension 5455; fax: 418 643-9297.

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 Mario Bouchard, Associate Deputy Minister for Energy and Mines, Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune, 5700, 4^e avenue Ouest, bureau B 401, Charlesbourg (Québec) G1H 6R1.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting mineral substances other than petroleum, natural gas and brine*

Mining Act
(R.S.Q., c. M-13.1, s. 306, pars. 1, 14 and
26.2, ss. 306.1 and 313.3)

1. Section 61 of the Regulation respecting mineral substances other than petroleum, natural gas and brine is amended by replacing “\$0.21/m.t.”, which is the amount relating to crushed stone and any stone used for construction purposes appearing in the table in the column entitled “Amount of royalty”, by “\$0.26/m.t.”.

2. Section 113 is amended by deleting paragraphs 3 and 4.

3. Section 128 is amended by deleting the second paragraph.

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 mineral substances other than petroleum, natural gas and brine, made by Order in Council 1042-2000 dated 30 August 2000 (2000, *G.O.* 2, 4512), was last amended by the regulation made by Order in Council 74-2005 dated 2 February 2005 (2005, *G.O.* 2, 539). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Québec Official Publisher, 2005, updated to 1 March 2005.