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Veterinary Surgeons Act
(R.S.Q., c. M-8)

Professional Code
(R.S.Q., c. C-26)

Veterinary Surgeons — Activities that may be engaged in by categories of persons other than veterinary surgeons among those that constitute the practice of veterinary medicine

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that at its meetings held on 15 June 2006 for the French text and 13 September 2006 for the English text, the Bureau of the Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec made the Regulation respecting the activities that may be engaged in by categories of persons other than veterinary surgeons among those that constitute the practice of veterinary medicine.

The purpose of the Regulation is to specify, among the professional activities that may be engaged in by the members of the Order, those that may be engaged in by the persons mentioned in the Regulation. It provides the authorization framework for the acts described in section 7 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act and in particular, the authorizations given to animal health technicians to take samples, gather physiological data and treat a medical or surgical veterinary disorder using a mechanical, physical, chemical, biological or radiotherapy process, according to certain prescribed conditions.

The Regulation has been sent to the Office des professions du Québec which will examine it under section 95 of the Professional Code. It will then be submitted with Office's recommendation to the Government which, under the same section, may approve it with or without amendment on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The Order foresees no impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Réjean Pedneault, Director General and Secretary of the Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec, 800, avenue Sainte-Anne, bureau 200, Saint-Hyacinthe (Québec) J2S 5G7; telephone: 450 774-1427 or 800 267-1427; fax: 450 774-7635.

Any person having comments to make on the text appearing below is asked to send them before the expiry of the 45-day period to the Chair of the Office des professions du Québec, 800, place D'Youville, 10^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5Z3. The comments will be sent by the Office to the Minister responsible for the administration of legislation respecting the professions and may also be sent to the professional order which made the Regulation, namely the Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec, as well as to interested persons, departments and bodies.

GAÉTAN LEMOYNE,
*Chair of the Office des
professions du Québec*

Regulation respecting the professional activities that may be engaged in by categories of persons other than veterinary surgeons, among those that constitute the practice of veterinary medicine

Professional Code
(R.S.Q., c. C-26, s. 94, par. h)

Veterinary Surgeons Act
(R.S.Q., c. M-8, s. 6.1, 1st par., subpar. 3)

1. The purpose of this Regulation is to determine, among the activities that constitute the practice of veterinary medicine, those which may be engaged in under prescribed conditions by the following persons :

- (1) animal health technicians ;
- (2) students in veterinary medicine ; and
- (3) candidates to the practice of the profession.

2. For the purposes of this Regulation,

(1) "animal health technician" means a person who holds a diploma of college studies in animal health technique issued in Québec and a person who holds a diploma in animal health technique issued by an educational institution in the United States or by one of the following institutions :

Alberta

Fairview College – Fairview, Alberta

Lakeland College – Vermillion, Alberta

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology – Edmonton, Alberta

Olds College – Olds, Alberta

British Columbia

Thompson Rivers University – Kamloops, British Columbia

Manitoba

Red River Community College – Winnipeg, Manitoba

New Brunswick

Miramichi Career College – Miramichi, New Brunswick

Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia Agricultural College – Truro, Nova Scotia

Ontario

Algonquin College – Ottawa, Ontario

Collège Boréal, Alfred Campus – Guelph, Ontario

Collège Boréal, New Liskeard Campus – New Liskeard, Ontario

Georgian College – Orillia, Ontario

St. Clair College of Applied Arts & Technology – Windsor, Ontario

St. Lawrence College of Applied Arts & Technology – Kingston, Ontario

Northern College of Applied Arts & Technology – Haileybury, Ontario

Ridgetown College – Ridgetown, Ontario

Seneca College, King Campus – King City, Ontario

Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Sciences & Technology – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

(2) “student in veterinary medicine” means a person registered in the program of Doctorat en médecine vétérinaire given by Université de Montréal and a person registered in a program of university studies in veterinary medicine given by one of the following educational institutions who has successfully completed one year in the program of studies :

Alberta

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Calgary – Calgary, Alberta

Prince Edward Island

The Atlantic Veterinary College, University of Prince Edward Island – Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Ontario

The Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph – Guelph, Ontario

Saskatchewan

The Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

(3) “candidate to the practice of the profession” means a person whose diploma or training was recognized as equivalent by the Bureau under subparagraph *g* of the first paragraph of section 86 of the Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26), who applied to the Bureau for the issue of a permit in accordance with the Regulation respecting the terms and conditions for the issue of permits and specialist’s certificates by the Ordre professionnel des médecins vétérinaires du Québec, approved by Order in Council 1150-93 dated 18 August 1993 and who is waiting for the issue of such a permit.

3. A person governed by section 1 may take samples, gather physiological data and treat medical veterinary disorders by using a mechanical, physical, chemical, biological or radiotherapy process.

When the person engages in one of those activities, he or she must act under the direct supervision of a veterinary surgeon who is responsible for that activity, in accordance with the directions given by the veterinary surgeon and, where applicable, the prescription written by that veterinary surgeon.

4. A person who, during the five years preceding the date of coming into force of this Regulation, worked continuously in a clinical environment under the supervision of a veterinary surgeon may engage in the activities provided for in section 3 on the same conditions as prescribed therein.

5. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.