

Draft Regulations

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

Forest protection — 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 Forest Protection Regulation, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation sets at 100% the rate for refunds paid by the Government during the period from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2009 as regards expenses incurred by the protection organizations certified pursuant to sections 125 and 146 of the Forest Act (R.S.Q., c. F-4.1) to extinguish forest fires and implement plans in cases of insect infestation and cryptogamic diseases.

The draft Regulation will improve forest productivity and forest management performance. To date, the draft Regulation has no negative impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Johanne Banville, Direction générale de la coordination et du développement stratégique, Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune, 880, chemin Sainte-Foy, 10^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 4X4; telephone: 418 627-8658, extension 4543; fax: 418 528-1278; e-mail: johanne.banville@mrnf.gouv.qc.ca

Interested persons having comments to make on the draft Regulation are asked to send them in writing before the expiry of the 45-day period to Paule Têtu, Associate Deputy Minister, Forêt Québec, Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune, 880, chemin Sainte-Foy, 10^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 4X4.

PIERRE CORBEIL,
Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife

Regulation to amend the Forest Protection Regulation*

Forest Act
(R.S.Q., c. F-4.1, ss. 128, 147.4 and 172, 1st par., subpar. 11)

1. Section 1 of the Forest Protection Regulation is amended by adding the following paragraph:

“Despite the foregoing, the refund rate in the first paragraph is set at 100% for the period from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2009.”

2. Section 2 is amended

(1) by replacing “146” by “147.4”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph:

“Despite the foregoing, the refund rate in the first paragraph is set at 100% for the period from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2009.”

3. 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

An Act respecting labour standards
(R.S.Q., c. N-1.1)

Labour standards — Amendments

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with section 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting labour standards, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

* The Forest Protection Regulation, made by Order in Council 1417-87 dated 16 September 1987 (1987, *G.O.* 2, 3462), has not been amended since it was made.

The draft Regulation raises the general minimum wage from \$7.75 per hour to \$8.00 per hour as of 1 May 2007. It also raises the minimum wage payable to employees who receive gratuities or tips from \$7.00 per hour to \$7.25 per hour.

The minimum wage payable to employees who pick raspberries, strawberries and apples, established on the basis of yield according to the category of fruit picked, is also raised as of 1 May 2007.

The proposed increase in the minimum wage will improve the purchasing power of low-wage earners, enabling them to participate in the general prosperity. The increase also takes into account the ability of enterprises to pay and enables them to remain competitive.

The draft Regulation proposes that the minimum wage established in Division II of the Regulation respecting labour standards not apply, as of the coming into force of the draft Regulation, to employees assigned mainly to non-mechanized operations relating to the picking of processing vegetables and that the corresponding provision in the Regulation cease to have effect on 1 January 2010.

Not having the minimum wage apply to such employees for a set length of time will give enterprises an opportunity to adapt to face the economic difficulties threatening the viability of that sector of activity.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Julie Massé, Direction des tudes et des politiques, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 5^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5S1; telephone: 418 643-1432; fax: 418 644-6969; e-mail: julie.masse@travail.gouv.qc.ca

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 the Minister of Labour, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 6^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5S1.

LAURENT LESSARD,
Minister of Labour

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting labour standards*

An Act respecting labour standards
(R.S.Q., c. N-1.1, s. 40, 1st par., s. 89, par. 1,
and s. 91, 1st par.)

1. Sections 3 and 4 of the Regulation respecting labour standards are replaced by the following:

“**3.** Subject to section 4 and except to the extent provided for in section 4.1, the minimum wage payable to an employee is \$8.00 per hour.

4. The minimum wage payable to an employee who receives gratuities or tips is \$7.25 per hour.”

2. The first paragraph of section 4.1 is replaced by the following:

“**4.1.** The minimum wage payable to an employee assigned mainly to non-mechanized operations relating to the picking of raspberries, strawberries or apples is established on the basis of yield according to the following rules:

(1) for an employee assigned to the picking of raspberries: \$0.491 per 250 ml container;

(2) for an employee assigned to the picking of strawberries: \$0.223 per 551 ml container;

(3) for an employee assigned to the picking of apples:

(a) for dwarf apple trees: \$1.19 per bushel;

(b) for semi-dwarf apple trees: \$1.47 per bushel; and

(c) for standard apple trees: \$1.68 per bushel.”

3. Paragraph 6 of section 2 of the Regulation, as it read before ceasing to have effect pursuant to section 39.1 of the Regulation, is enacted again and ceases to have effect on 1 January 2010.

4. This Regulation comes into force on 1 May 2007.

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* The Regulation respecting labour standards (R.R.Q., 1981, c. N-1.1, r.3) was last amended by the regulation made by Order in Council 306-2006 dated 13 April 2006 (2006, G.O. 2, 1229A). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Québec Official Publisher, 2006, updated to 1 September 2006.