7. Commissioners must act in a respectful and courteous manner towards persons appearing before them, without any discrimination, while exercising the authority necessary for the proper conduct of the hearing.

8. Commissioners must perform their duties with complete independence, free of any interference.

9. Commissioners must uphold the integrity of their office and defend its independence in the best interests of justice.

10. Commissioners are bound by discretion regarding any matter brought to their knowledge in the performance of their duties and must refrain from disclosing any information of a confidential nature.

11. Commissioners are bound by deliberative secrecy.

12. Commissions must act with reserve and prudence in public.

DIVISION III

SITUATIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES

13. Commissioners must be politically neutral and not engage in any activity or partisan political participation at the federal, provincial, municipal or school level.

14. Commissioners must refrain from pursuing an activity or placing themselves in a situation likely to undermine the dignity of their office or discredit the Commission.

15. Commissioners must refrain from becoming involved in any cause or participating in any lobby whose objectives or activities are related to matters that come within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

16. The following are incompatible with the performance of a commissioner's duties:

(1) soliciting or collecting donations, except in the case of community, school, religious or family activities that do not compromise other duties imposed by this Code, or associating the status of commissioner to those activities; and

(2) taking part in charities or organizations likely to be involved in matters before the Commission.

DIVISION IV

ACTIVITIES PERMITTED

17. Full-time commissioners may exercise functions in relation to their professional competence without charge insofar as the functions do not compromise their impartiality or the effective performance of their duties. They must so inform the president.

DIVISION V PART-TIME COMMISSIONERS

18. Part-time commissioners may not act as the attorney or representative of a party before the Commission or a body whose decisions may be contested before or revised by the Commission. In addition, part-time commissioners may not give legal advice in fields within the jurisdiction of the Commission, insofar as their impartiality or the effective performance of their duties could be compromised.

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

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Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 576-2007, 27 June 2007

An Act respecting collective agreement decrees (R.S.Q., c. D-2)

Comité conjoint des matériaux de construction — Levy

— Amendments

Regulation to amend the Levy Regulation of the Comité conjoint des matériaux de construction

WHEREAS, under subparagraph i of the second paragraph of section 22 of the Act respecting collective agreement decrees (R.S.Q., c. D-2), the Government approved the Levy Regulation of the Comité conjoint des matériaux de construction by Order in Council 2626-85 dated 11 December 1985;

WHEREAS the board of directors of the Comité conjoint des matériaux de construction made the Regulation to amend the Levy Regulation of the Comité conjoint des matériaux de construction at its regular meeting held on 14 November 2006; WHEREAS, under sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), the text of the Regulation was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du* Québec of 28 February 2007, with a notice that it could be approved by the Government on the expiry of the 45-day period following that publication;

WHEREAS no comments were received;

WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Regulation without amendment;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Levy Regulation of the Comité conjoint des matériaux de construction, attached hereto, be approved.

GÉRARD BIBEAU, Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation to amend the Levy Regulation of the Comité conjoint des matériaux de construction*

An Act respecting collective agreement decrees (R.S.Q., c. D-2, s. 22, 2nd par., subpar. *i*)

1. Section 2 of the Levy Regulation of the Comité conjoint des matériaux de construction is amended by replacing "0.45%" by "0.50%".

2. Section 3 is amended by replacing "0.45%" by "0.50%".

3. Section 4 is amended by replacing "\$1.53" by "\$2.06".

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

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Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 577-2007, 27 June 2007

Building Act (R.S.Q., c. B-1.1; 2005, c. 10)

Construction Code — Amendments

Regulation to amend the Construction Code

WHEREAS, under section 173 of the Building Act (R.S.Q., c. B-1.1), amended by chapter 10 of the Statutes of 2005, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec may, by regulation, adopt a Building Code containing in particular building standards for buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations or their vicinity;

WHEREAS, under section 176 of the Act, the Code may require manufacturers to provide instructions regarding the assembly, erection, maintenance and inspection of materials, facilities and installations;

WHEREAS, under section 176.1 of the Act, the Code may, with respect to the matters to which it applies, contain provisions concerning the subjects listed in section 185 of the Act;

WHEREAS, under section 178 of the Act, the Code may require observance of a technical standard drawn up by another government or by an agency empowered to draw up such standards and provide that any reference it makes to other standards include subsequent amendments;

WHEREAS, under section 179 of the Act, the Board may determine the provisions of the Code of which the infringement constitutes an offence under paragraph 7 of section 194 of the Act;

WHEREAS, under section 192 of the Act, the contents of the Code may vary in particular according to the classes of persons, contractors, owner-builders, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations and classes of buildings, pressure installations, facilities or installations to which the Code applies;

WHEREAS the Board has made the Regulation to amend the Construction Code;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), a draft of the Regulation to amend the Construction Code was

^{*} The Levy Regulation of the Comité conjoint des matériaux de construction, approved by Decree No. 2626-85 dated 11 December 1985 (1985, *G.O.* 2, 4379) and suspended by the Regulations approved by Orders in Council No. 1631-90 dated 21 November 1990 (1990, *G.O.* 2, 2909) and 1184-92 dated 12 August 1992 (1992, *G.O.* 4307) was amended by the Regulation approved by Order in Council No. 568-98 dated 22 April 1998 (1998, *G.O.* 2, 1760).