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 the Minister of Finance, 12, rue Saint-Louis, 1erétage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5L3.

MONIQUE JÉRÔME-FORGET, Minister of Finance

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the dues, contributions and fees payable *

An Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services (R.S.Q., c. D-9.2, s. 278)

- **1.** The Regulation respecting the dues, contributions and fees payable is amended in section 3.1
- (1) by replacing subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the first paragraph by the following:
- "(1) \$160 for each of the damage insurance, the insurance of persons and the group savings plan brokerage sectors; and
 - (2) \$100 for the other sectors.";
- (2) by replacing the second and third paragraphs by the following:

"If a representative operates in more than one sector, the contribution is discounted by \$75 for each additional sector.

Despite the foregoing, the contribution for 2008 to 2011 is \$260 per representative for the group savings plan brokerage sector.".

- **2.** Sections 24 and 25 are revoked.
- **3.** This Regulation comes into force on 1 January 2008.

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Draft Regulation

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

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

The draft Regulation will relax administrative procedures, in particular for enterprises supplied from forests in the domain of the State. The draft Regulation will have no negative impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

For that purpose, the draft Regulation proposes to modify the timber tariffing zones. The new zones will be delimited by the boundaries of the new forest management units that will be effective as of April 2008. Under the draft Regulation, it will no longer be necessary to file an audited financial report or vouchers in order to obtain silvicultural credits. A list of expenses for the costs of silvicultural treatments and other activities to protect or develop forest resources, duly approved by an accountant who is a member of a professional order, will be sufficient. The draft Regulation proposes a new unit rate of \$200 per green metric ton for the harvest of Canadian yew and permits the unit rates applicable to the calculation of dues for forest management permits for the supply of wood processing plants to be published in Part 1 of the Gazette officielle du Québec or publicized by any other means.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Jean-Pierre Adam, Direction des orientations budgétaires, économiques et financières, Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune, 880, chemin Sainte-Foy, 10° étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 4X4; telephone: 418 627-8650, extension 4375; fax: 418 646-9245; e-mail: jean-pierre.adam@mrnf.gouv.qc.ca.

Any interested person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation may submit written comments to Paule Têtu, Associate Deputy Minister for Forêt Québec, Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune, 880, chemin Sainte-Foy, 10° étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 4X4, within the 45-day period.

CLAUDE BÉCHARD, Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife

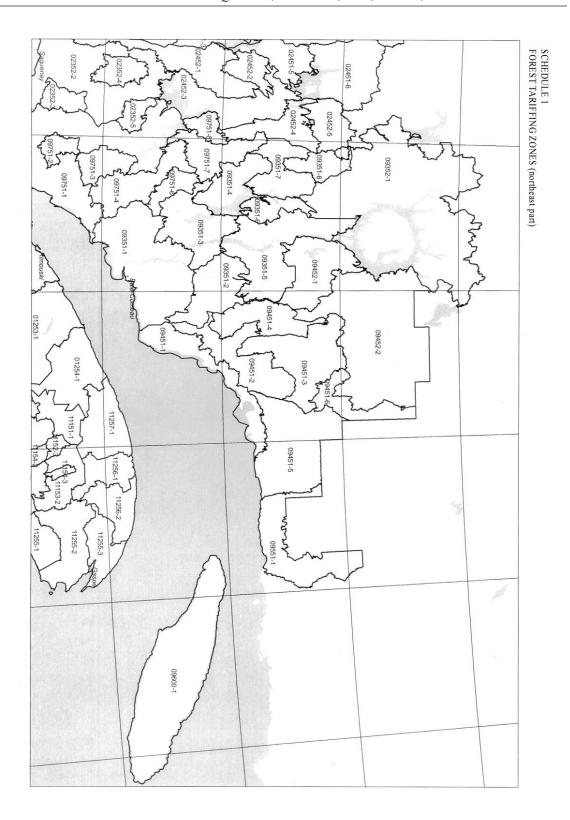
^{*} The Regulation respecting the dues, contributions and fees payable, approved by Order in Council 836-99 dated 7 July 1999 (1999, G.O. 2, 2102), was last amended by the regulation approved by Order in Council 1185-2005 dated 7 December 2005 (2005, G.O. 2, 5161). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Québec Official Publisher, 2007, updated to 1 March 2007

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting forest royalties*

Forest Act (R.S.Q., c. F-4.1, s. 172, 1st par., subpars. 1, 2, 3 and 9)

- **1.** Section 1 of the Regulation respecting forest royalties is amended by replacing "One hundred and sixtyone" in the first paragraph by "One hundred and eightyseven".
- **2.** Section 2 is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the second paragraph: "The Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife shall publish the reference unit rates for the stumpage value of standing timber in Part 1 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* and may also ensure wider publicity by any other means.".
- **3.** Section 3 is amended
- (1) by replacing "\$444" in the first paragraph by "\$200";
- (2) by striking out the second, third and fourth paragraphs.
- **4.** Section 11.3 is amended by replacing "vouchers" by "a list of expenses" and ", or a financial report relating to those costs audited by an accountant not employed by the agreement holder" by the following sentence: "The list must be approved by an accountant who is a member of a professional order and be in the form and tenor prescribed by the Minister.".
- **5.** Schedule I is replaced by the Schedule attached to this Regulation.
- **6.** This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, except sections 1 and 5, which come into force on 1 April 2008.

^{*} The Regulation respecting forest royalties, made by Order in Council 372-87 dated 18 March 1987 (1987, *G.O.* 2, 1099), was last amended by the regulation made by Order in Council 385-2006 dated 10 May 2006 (2006, *G.O.* 2, 1415B). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Québec Official Publisher, 2007, updated to 1 March 2007.



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SCHEDULE 1 FOREST TARIFFING ZONES (northwest part)

