

## Draft Regulations

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Environment Quality Act  
(R.S.Q., C. Q-2)

#### **Annual caps on greenhouse gas emission units relating to the cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances for the 2013-2020 period**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with section 46.7 of the Environment Quality Act (R.S.Q., c. Q-2), that the Order concerning the determination of annual caps on greenhouse gas emission units relating to the cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances for the 2013-2020 period, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 60 days following this publication.

The Order sets annual caps on greenhouse gas emission units that may be granted by the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks, relating to the first 3 periods of compliance with the cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances for the 2013-2020 period.

The caps represent the maximum quantity of greenhouse gas (in metric tons of greenhouse gas expressed in CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents) that may be emitted into the atmosphere by emitters subject to the cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances for the 2013-2020 period. The caps were set in accordance with section 46.7 of the Environment Quality Act (R.S.Q., c. Q-2) based on the objective of reduction of greenhouse gas emissions that the Gouvernement du Québec gave itself for 2020, that is a 20% reduction under the level in 1990.

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Determination of annual caps on greenhouse gas emissions relating to the cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances for the 2013-2020 period

WHEREAS the Act to amend the Environment Quality Act and other legislative provisions in relation to climate change (2009, c. 33) was assented to on 19 June 2009;

WHEREAS Décret 1187-2009 made on 18 November 2009 sets the greenhouse gas emission reduction target at 20% under the level of 1990 by 2020;

WHEREAS the Regulation respecting a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances was made by Order in Council 1297-2011 and comes into force on 1 January 2012;

WHEREAS the cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances includes periods for compliance, the first three periods from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2020;

WHEREAS section 46.7 of the Environment Quality Act provides that in light of the targets set, the Government, by order, sets a cap on the emission units that may be granted by the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks:

THAT the caps on the emission units that may be granted by the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks, within the cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances, for each year covering the 2013-2020 period are set at,

- for the year 2013, 23.7 million emission units;
- for the year 2014, 23.3 million emission units;
- for the year 2015, 63.6 million emission units;
- for the year 2016, 61.0 million emission units;
- for the year 2017, 58.5 million emission units;
- for the year 2018, 56.0 million emission units;
- for the year 2019, 53.4 million emission units;
- for the year 2020, 50.9 million emission units.