Draft Regulation

An Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife (chapter C-61.1)

Aquaculture and the sale of fish —Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting aquaculture and the sale of fish, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation adjusts the requirements applicable to the importation of fish that are not live or dead baitfish.

Study of the matter has shown no impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting aquaculture and the sale of fish

An Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife (chapter C-61.1, s. 162)

I. The Regulation respecting aquaculture and the sale of fish (chapter C-61.1, r. 7) is amended by replacing Division V by the following:

"DIVISION V IMPORTATION

26. No person may import, from outside the province, live fish referred to in the Fish Health Protection Regulations (C.R.C., c. 812) unless they are certified free of disease in accordance with the procedure established under those Regulations.

No one may import, from outside the province, live fish other than those referred to in the Fish Health Protection Regulations, except where the shipper gives a sanitary report demonstrating, to the Minister's satisfaction, that the fish do not have the diseases listed in schedules 2 and 4 to those Regulations.

The requirements of the first and second paragraphs do not apply where live fish are imported for aquarium fish-keeping purposes insofar as the fish is not of a native or naturalized species, or for research purposes, provided that

(1) holding equipment and facilities are efficient;

(2) waste water from such equipment and facilities is disinfected; and

(3) the fish are destroyed once the experiments are completed.

27. The importation of live or dead baitfish, from outside Québec, is prohibited.".

2. Section 35 is amended by inserting "26," after "13,".

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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