

**Notice**

An Act respecting reserved designations and added-value claims  
(chapter A-20.03)

**Notice of recognition of a reserved designation relating to a link with a terroir as a protected geographical indication**

Under the provisions of the Act respecting reserved designations and added-value claims (chapter A-20.03), persons have applied for recognition of a reserved designation related to a link with a terroir as a protected geographical indication.

Compliance of their application with the criteria and requirements of the Act has been verified in that:

1° On the initiative of a group of interested parties, the Conseil des appellations réservées et des termes valorisants, constituted under sections 7 et seq. of the Act respecting reserved designations and added-value claims (chapter A-20.03) has assigned, in accordance with section 15 of the Act, to competent committees the following functions:

— Assessing the specification manual on which depends the authenticity of products bearing the designation concerned;

— Assessing, in light of the applicable accreditation manual, the capacity of certification bodies to administer a certification program for the products concerned, particularly through inspection plans designed to verify their compliance with the specification manual;

2° In accordance with the provisions of section 30 of the Act, at least one certification body has demonstrated to the Conseil that it complies with the applicable accreditation manual;

3° Under the powers conferred by sections 49 et seq. of the Act, the Conseil has ensured that this certification body has the capacity to administer a certification program based on the specification manual for the designation concerned;

4° This certification body has provided the Conseil, among the documents required under the Act and regulations of the Minister, the list of persons registered and the list of products this body intends to certify, which contain alcohol;

5° Under the provisions of paragraph 4 of section 9 of the Act, the Conseil held consultations prior to recommending the recognition of a reserved designation;

6° In accordance with paragraph 2 of section 9 and section 30 of the Act, the Board sent to the Minister its favourable recommendation for the recognition of the reserved designation requested relating to a link with a terroir and in keeping with the criteria and requirements prescribed by regulation of the Minister for the recognition of a protected geographical indication;

Due to the fact that the reserved designation can designate products containing alcohol, the Minister obtained the opinion of the Minister of Public Security responsible for the administration of the Act respecting offences relating to alcoholic beverages (chapter I-8.1), and the opinion of the Minister of Finance responsible for the administration of Divisions III and IV of the Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec (chapter S-13) in accordance with the provisions of the second paragraph of section 30 of the Act.

THEREFORE, be advised that I recognize as a reserved designation relating to a link with a terroir the protected geographical indication “Québec Icewine” and its French version “Vin de glace du Québec”; the Act grants the parties registered with a certification body, accredited to certify under the conditions that it establishes the authenticity of products that comply with the applicable specification manual, the exclusive right to designate these products with the reserved designation.

Any interested person may examine the specification manual concerning the products that can be designated by the protected geographical indication “Québec Icewine” and its French version “Vin de glace du Québec” as well as the names of certification bodies accredited to certify the authenticity of products it designates, at the following address: Conseil des appellations réservées et des termes valorisants (CARTV), 201, boulevard Crémazie Est, bureau 4.03, Montréal (Québec) H2M 1L2 or on the website <http://www.cartv.gouv.qc.ca/>.

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