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(chapter A-20.03)

Accreditation

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting criteria and requirements for accreditation, appearing below, may be made by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation determines the criteria and requirements set out in the accreditation manual that must be prepared by the Conseil des appellations réservées et des termes valorisants to evaluate the certification bodies applying to be accredited to certify as compliant products bearing a reserved designation or added-value claims.

Enterprises wishing to use an added-value claim must pay additional administrative expenses in order to comply with the regulations.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Pierre-Guy Bergeron, Direction des marchés intérieurs et de l'alimentation santé, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 12^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments before the expiry of the 45-day period to Pierre-Guy Bergeron, at the address above.

PIERRE PARADIS,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

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1. Unless otherwise stipulated by the Act respecting reserved designations and added-value claims (chapter A-20.03), the provisions of the International Organization for Standardization standard ISO/CEI 17011

– General requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies – apply to the Conseil des appellations réservées et des termes valorisants with respect to the accreditation of a certification body.

2. An accreditation manual of the Conseil des appellations réservées et des termes valorisants must correspond to the provisions of the International Organization for Standardization standard ISO/IEC Guide 65 – General requirements for bodies operating product certification systems.

Every body that applies for an accreditation to certify products as compliant with a specification manual authorizing a reserved designation or to certify products as compliant with the department's regulatory standards authorizing the identification by an added-value claim must comply with the accreditation manual.

3. An ISO standard referred to in sections 1 and 2 applies, where applicable, as amended or replaced by the International Organization for Standardization. The Conseil des appellations réservées et des termes valorisants must comply with the standard or amend the accreditation manual within 6 months from the date of publication of the new standard.

4. The Conseil des appellations réservées et des termes valorisants forwards the accreditation manual to every certification body that applies for an accreditation.

5. Section 4 of the Regulation respecting reserved designations (chapter A-20.03, r. 2) is revoked.

6. 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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