

Regulations and other Acts

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Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food dated 27 September 2016

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

Regulation respecting criteria and requirements for accreditation

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD,

CONSIDERING paragraph 3 of section 57 of the Act respecting reserved designations and added-value claims (chapter A-20.03), under which the Minister may make regulations to determine the standards and criteria that an accreditation manual prepared by the Conseil des appellations réservées et des termes valorisants must set out and that certification bodies must meet in order to obtain accreditation;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to accredit bodies to certify products as compliant with a specification manual or with the standards defined by regulation of the Minister authorizing an added-value claim;

CONSIDERING that, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation respecting criteria and requirements for accreditation was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 2 March 2016 with a notice that it could be made on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to make the Regulation respecting criteria and requirements for accreditation, with amendments that take the comments received into account;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The Regulation respecting criteria and requirements for accreditation is hereby made.

Québec, 27 September 2016

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/IEC 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 17065 Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services.

The accreditation manual applies to the assessment of every body that applies for accreditation to certify products as compliant with a specification manual in order to qualify for a reserved designation or to certify products as compliant with the Minister's regulatory standards in order to qualify for an added-value claim.

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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