

Gouvernement du Québec

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Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

Determination of annual caps on greenhouse gas emission units relating to the cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances for the 2021-2030 period

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 46.4 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2), to fight global warming and climate change, the Government sets, by order, an overall greenhouse gas reduction target for Québec for each period it determines, using 1990 emissions as the baseline;

WHEREAS, by Décret 1018-2015 dated 18 November 2015, the Government set the greenhouse gas emission reduction target at 37.5% for 2030 under the level of 1990;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 46.7 of the Environment Quality Act, 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, the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change for each period referred to in the regulation of the Government;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 46.8 of the Act, subject to the conditions determined by regulation of the Government, the Minister may grant the available emission units, either by allocating them without charge to emitters required to cover their greenhouse gas emissions, or by selling them at auction or by agreement to persons or municipalities determined by regulation of the Government;

WHEREAS paragraph 12 of section 3 of the Regulation respecting a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances (chapter Q-2, r. 46.1) defines the compliance periods for which an emitter is required to cover its greenhouse gas emissions, in particular the period starting on 1 January 2021 and ending on 31 December 2023, and the periods after 3 calendar years;

WHEREAS, by Order in Council 1185-2012 dated 12 December 2012, the Government set the caps on emission units for each of the years covering the 2013-2020 period;

WHEREAS it is necessary to set the caps on emission units for each of the years covering the 2021-2030 period, in particular for future sales at auction;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the third paragraph of section 46.7 of the Environment Quality Act, a notice of the annual caps on greenhouse gas emission units relating to the cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances for the 2021-2030 period was published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 31 August 2017 with a notice that the Order in Council may be made by the Government on the expiry of 60 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to set these caps without amendment;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Sustainable Development, the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change:

THAT the caps on the emission units that may be granted by the Minister of Sustainable Development, the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change, within the cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances, for each year covering the 2021-2030 period are set at,

— for the year 2021, 55.26 million emission units;

— for the year 2022, 54.02 million emission units;

— for the year 2023, 52.79 million emission units;

— for the year 2024, 51.55 million emission units;

— for the year 2025, 50.31 million emission units;

— for the year 2026, 49.08 million emission units;

— for the year 2027, 47.84 million emission units;

— for the year 2028, 46.61 million emission units;

— for the year 2029, 45.37 million emission units;

— for the year 2030, 44.14 million emission units.

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