# **Regulations and other Acts**

Gouvernement du Québec

## **O.C. 488-2020**, 29 April 2020

Food Products Act (chapter P-29)

#### Food —Amendment

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting food

WHEREAS, under paragraph c of section 40 of the Food Products Act (chapter P-29), the Government may, by regulation, prohibit or regulate in particular the disposal or elimination of inedible products;

WHEREAS, under paragraph n of section 40 of the Act, the Government may exempt in particular any person, establishment or activity it determines, or a class thereof, from the application of the Act or the regulations, or any provision thereof, on such conditions as it may determine;

WHEREAS the Government made the Regulation respecting food (chapter P-29, r. 1);

WHEREAS, by Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, the Government declared a public health emergency and took certain measures to protect the population;

WHEREAS the public health emergency was renewed until 29 March 2020 by Order in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020, until 7 April 2020 by Order in Council 388-2020 dated 29 March 2020, until 16 April 2020 by Order in Council 418-2020 dated 7 April 2020, until 24 April 2020 by Order in Council 460-2020 dated 15 April 2020, until 29 April by Order in Council 478-2020 dated 22 April 2020 and until 6 May 2020 by Order in Council 483-2020 dated 29 April 2020;

WHEREAS, under section 12 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a proposed regulation may be made without having been published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* as provided for in section 8 of that Act, if the authority making it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

WHEREAS, under section 13 of that Act, the reason justifying the absence of publication must be published with the regulation; WHEREAS, under section 18 of that Act, a regulation may come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* where the authority that has made it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

WHEREAS the Government is of the opinion that the urgency due to the following circumstances justifies the absence of prior publication and such coming into force of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting food:

— the current COVID-19 pandemic has led to the application of public health measures that affect the efficiency of slaughterhouses that had to reduce their production capacity to apply social distancing measures or that even had to temporarily suspend their activities, resulting in major surpluses of livestock that must be eliminated;

— new disposal rules must be provided without delay to prevent the accumulation of animal carcasses or the implementation of other practices that present health, environmental and biosafety risks:

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting food, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

Yves Ouellet, *Clerk of the Conseil exécutif* 

### **Regulation to amend the Regulation** respecting food

Food Products Act (chapter P-29, s. 40)

**1.** The Regulation respecting food (chapter P-29, r. 1) is amended by inserting the following after section 7.3.1:

"7.3.1.1. Where, as the result of a public health situation, a volume of inedible meat must be eliminated that exceeds the capacity of the operators of incinerators and dismembering plants and the salvagers referred to in the first paragraph of section 7.3.1, a farm producer who, because of that situation, cannot use the disposal methods set out in subparagraphs 1 to 3 of the first paragraph of that section may, subject to the authorization provided for in the fourth paragraph, within 48 hours of the death of an animal of the producer's livestock, dispose of the inedible meat from the animal by sending it to an engineered landfill site governed by Division II of Chapter II of the Regulation respecting the landfilling and incineration of residual materials (chapter Q-2, r. 19) or delivering it to a person who removes waste for the sole purpose of sending it to such a site. This paragraph does not apply to inedible goat or sheep meat.

If the inedible meat is disposed of by burial in the producer's agricultural operation in accordance with subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph of section 7.3.1, only the carcasses of animals that have died from natural causes or following an accident may be disposed of.

The holder of a permit to operate a slaughterhouse referred to in subparagraphs a and a.1 of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act and a person exempted from holding a permit referred to in subparagraph a of the first paragraph of that section may also use an elimination method provided for in the first paragraph, on the conditions set out therein.

The Minister authorizes the disposal of inedible meat in an engineered landfill site when the conditions set out in the first paragraph are met.

For the purposes of the first paragraph, the operator of an engineered landfill site and a person who removes waste for the sole purpose of sending it to such a site are, respectively, exempted from holding the permit referred to in subparagraphs c and d of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act. In addition, the requirement to install a sign set out in the first paragraph of section 7.1.5 and the requirement set out in the first paragraph of section 7.3.8 do not apply to the operator of a landfill site and to the truck bodies and trailers or containers used.

This section ceases to have effect on 1 November 2020.".

**2.** This Regulation comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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### O.C. 494-2020, 29 April 2020

Québec Immigration Act (chapter I-0.2.1)

#### Duration of the consent to the stay of certain international students —Extending

Regulation extending the duration of the consent to the stay of certain international students

WHEREAS, under the second paragraph of section 58 of the Québec Immigration Act (chapter I-0.2.1), the Government determines, by regulation, the time for which a decision made by the Minister of Immigration, Francization and Integration is valid, the cases in which a decision lapses and the situations in which the Minister may lift the effects of any such lapse;

WHEREAS section 105 of the Act provides that a regulation made under the Act may provide for exemptions and vary for different immigration cases, classes or programs or components of an immigration program, among other things;

WHEREAS, by Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, the Government declared a public health emergency throughout Québec and took certain measures to protect the population;

WHEREAS the public health emergency was renewed until 29 March 2020 by Order in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020, until 7 April 2020 by Order in Council 388-2020 dated 29 March 2020, until 16 April 2020 by Order in Council 418-2020 dated 7 April 2020, until 24 April 2020 by Order in Council 460-2020 dated 15 April 2020, until 29 April 2020 by Order in Council 478-2020 dated 22 April 2020 and until 6 May 2020 by Order in Council 483-2020 dated 29 April 2020;

WHEREAS, under section 12 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a proposed regulation may be made without having been published if the authority making it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

WHEREAS, under section 13 of that Act, the reason justifying the absence of such publication must be published with the regulation;

WHEREAS, under section 18 of that Act, a regulation may come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* where the authority that has