in accordance with section 83 or 92, not later than 31 December 2022 or as soon as the animal is under anesthesia or captured to be moved.".

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

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Gouvernement du Québec

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Immigration Act (chapter I-0.2.1)

Québec Immigration —Amendment

Regulation to amend the Québec Immigration Regulation

WHEREAS, under section 9 of the Québec Immigration Act (chapter I-0.2.1), the Government may, by regulation, determine immigration programs and, for each program, the selection conditions and any selection criteria applicable to foreign nationals;

WHEREAS section 106 of the Act provides, in particular, that a regulation made under the Act may apply to an application according to the date on which it was filed;

WHEREAS the second paragraph of section 104 of the Act provides in particular that a regulation made under section 9, in the case of provisions relating to a permanent immigration program, is not subject to the publication requirement set out in section 8 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1) and, despite section 17 of that Act, comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* or on any later date set in the regulation;

WHEREAS, despite the second paragraph of section 104 of the Québec Immigration Act, a draft regulation to amend the Québec Immigration Regulation was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 28 May 2020 with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 30 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation to amend the Québec Immigration Regulation with amendments;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Immigration, Francization and Integration:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Québec Immigration Regulation, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

Yves Ouellet, *Clerk of the Conseil exécutif*

Regulation to amend the Québec Immigration Regulation

Québec Immigration Act (chapter I-0.2.1, ss. 9 and 106)

1. The Québec Immigration Regulation (chapter I-0.2.1, r. 3) is amended in section 33

(1) by striking out "or an intermediate French course, level 7 or level 8 according to that scale or its equivalent, offered by a Québec educational institution in Québec" in subparagraph *d* of paragraph 3;

(2) by striking out "and complied with the conditions of the stay" in paragraph 4;

(3) by inserting the following after paragraph 6:

"(7) has complied with the conditions of the stay;

(8) does hold full-time employment in Québec and has held such employment for a period and in a skill level within the meaning of the National Occupational Classification that correspond to one of the following requirements, according to the diploma referred to in paragraph 1:

(a) in the case of a university diploma attesting to a bachelor's degree, a master's degree or a doctorate, or a diploma of college studies in a technical program: an employment held during a period of at least 12 months after the end of the program of studies, in skill level 0, A or B;

(b) in the case of a secondary vocational diploma: an employment held during a period of at least 18 months after the end of the program of studies, in skill level 0, A, B or C; in the case of an employment in skill level C, the employment must be related to the secondary vocational diploma;

(9) if included in the application, the spouse or de facto spouse shows an advanced beginner's oral knowledge of French, level 4 according to the *Échelle québécoise des niveaux de compétence en français des personnes immigrantes adultes* or its equivalent and, as the case may be, (a) has filed the result of a standardized test showing the oral knowledge of French;

(b) has filed a document certifying that the foreign national has met the requirements relating to the practice of a profession governed by a professional order in accordance with section 35 of the Charter of the French language (chapter C-11);

(c) has successfully completed at least 3 years of fulltime studies in French at the secondary or post-secondary level.".

For computing the period required by paragraph 8, a training period in Québec required under the program of studies, for which a work permit has been issued under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (SOR/2002-227), is considered to be employment complying with the requirements of that paragraph. The computed period for such training periods may not exceed 3 months; in the case of a part-time training period, it corresponds to its full-time equivalent."

2. Section 34 is amended

(1) by replacing paragraph 2 by the following:

"(2) does hold full-time employment in Québec, in skill level 0, A or B within the meaning of the National Occupational Classification, and held such employment during a period of at least 24 months in the 36 months preceding the date of filing of the application;";

(2) by striking out "or an intermediate French course, level 7 or level 8 according to that scale or its equivalent, offered by a Québec educational institution in Québec" in subparagraph *c* of paragraph 3;

(3) by inserting the following after paragraph 4:

"(5) if included in the application, the spouse or de facto spouse shows an advanced beginner's oral knowledge of French, level 4 according to the *Échelle québécoise des niveaux de compétence en français des personnes immigrantes adultes* or its equivalent and, as the case may be,

(a) has filed the result of a standardized test showing the oral knowledge of French;

(b) has filed a document certifying that the foreign national has met the requirements relating to the practice of a profession governed by a professional order in accordance with section 35 of the Charter of the French language (chapter C-11); (c) has successfully completed at least 3 years of fulltime studies in French at the secondary or post-secondary level.".

3. Section 35 is amended by replacing "1 to 4" by "1 to 5".

4. The following is inserted after section 118.2:

"118.3. Subject to section 118.2, an application for selection for permanent immigration filed under the Québec experience program under section 33 of this Regulation is processed and decided under that section as it read on 21 July 2020 where it is filed by a foreign national whose diploma referred to in paragraph 1 of that section has been issued before 1 January 2021.

118.4. An application for selection for permanent immigration filed under the Québec experience program under section 34 of this Regulation is processed and decided under that section as it read on 21 July 2020 where it is filed by a foreign national who was staying in Québec as of 21 July 2020 while holding a work permit issued under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (SOR/2002-227) or being otherwise authorized to work in accordance with that Regulation.

118.5. An application for selection for permanent immigration filed under the Québec experience program as of 22 July 2020 is processed and decided under paragraph 3 of section 33 or, as the case may be, paragraph 3 of section 34 as they read on 21 July 2020 if it is filed by a foreign national who, on that date, had registered for an intermediate French course, level 7 or level 8 according to the *Échelle québécoise des niveaux de compétence en français des personnes immigrantes adultes* or its equivalent, offered by a Québec educational institution in Québec, or had begun or successfully completed such a course, provided if he or she presents the result of the course in support of the application.

118.6. The conditions provided for in paragraph 9 of section 33 and paragraph 5 of section 34 of this Regulation do not apply to an application for selection for permanent immigration filed under the Québec experience program before 22 July 2021.".

5. The provisions of this Regulation come into force on 22 July 2020, except paragraph 3 of section 1, to the extent that it enacts paragraph 9 of section 33 of the Québec Immigration Regulation, and paragraph 3 of section 2, which come into force on 22 July 2021.

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