

## Regulations and other Acts

### M.O., 2020

#### Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food dated 18 September 2020

Animal Health Protection Act  
(chapter P-42)

Regulation to amend the Regulation to designate contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents and syndromes

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD,

CONSIDERING paragraph 1 of section 3 of the Animal Health Protection Act (chapter P-42), which provides that the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food may make regulations to designate the contagious or parasitic diseases and the infectious agents or the syndromes for the purposes of the provisions of the Act listed therein;

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

CONSIDERING section 13 of that Act, which provides that the reason justifying the absence of such publication must be published with the regulation;

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of section 18 of that Act, which provides that 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;

CONSIDERING the second paragraph of section 18 of that Act, which provides that the reason justifying such coming into force must be published with the regulation;

CONSIDERING the urgency due to the following circumstances which justify the absence of prior publication and such coming into force of the Regulation to amend the Regulation to designate contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents and syndromes:

— severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) is an infectious agent that is emerging and important for human-animal interface;

— according to the World Health Organization, the COVID-19 pandemic caused by that virus has heavily challenged our food supply, livelihoods, economies as well as animal production systems;

— the pandemic has resulted in the implementation of extraordinary monitoring and control measures for humans, that should be supported;

— animals, in particular domestic animals or animals kept in captivity that are in greater contact with humans, could play a role in the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 reservoir;

— because of the risk of transmission of the virus from animals to humans, the monitoring and control measures for animals need to be immediately enhanced.

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to make the Regulation without publication as a draft and have it come into force on the date of its publication;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The Regulation to amend the Regulation to designate contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents and syndromes, attached to this Order, is hereby made.

Québec, 18 September 2020

ANDRÉ LAMONTAGNE,  
*Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food*

### Regulation to amend the Regulation to designate contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents and syndromes

Animal Health Protection Act  
(chapter P-42, s. 3)

**1.** The Regulation to designate contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents and syndromes (chapter P-42, r. 4.2) is amended in section 3 by inserting the following after paragraph 1:

“(1.1) severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2);”.

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