section 15, the first paragraph of section 24, the first paragraph of section 28, sections 29 and 30, the second paragraph of section 31, sections 40, 41, 42, 44, 46, 49 and 50, the first paragraph of section 51, the first paragraph of section 54, and section 55 or 56.

The amount of the administrative penalty is \$500 in the case of a natural person and \$1,000 in other cases.

CHAPTER VII

AMENDING PROVISIONS

- **60.** Section 10 of the Educational Childcare Regulation (chapter S-4.1.1, r. 2) is amended by striking out "admission and" in paragraph 14.
- **61.** Section 18.1 of the Regulation is amended by striking out "admission and" in the first paragraph.

CHAPTER VIII TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL

62. In order for a permit holder delivering subsidized childcare to be able to admit, as of the date of coming into force of this Regulation, the child of a parent to whom a childcare space was offered before that date, the permit holder must inform the administrator of the date of the beginning of the provision of services not later than (*insert the date that occurs 2 months after the date of coming into force of this Regulation*).

In that case, the permit holder is not required to comply with Chapter II of this Regulation, other than section 49, for the child to be admitted.

63. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

SCHEDULE

(Sections 11, 25, 32, 36 and 57)

CLASSIFICATION OF CHILDREN REGISTERED ON A WAITING LIST

1. For each waiting list, the administrator places the children registered on that list in one of the classes presented in the following table. Each child is placed in a single class. If a child qualifies for more than one class, he or she is placed in the class with the most predominant level. Level 1 has predominance over all other levels, and so on until level 5, which does not have predominance over any other level.

Level	Class
1	Children who meet the conditions of level 2 and 3 classes.
2	Children who have a parent who is a staff member of the facility referred to in the waiting list on which the children are registered.
3	Children who, if they are admitted, will receive childcare at the same time and in the same facility as another child residing at the same address who is already attending the facility.
4	Children who are not admitted by a permit holder delivering subsidized childcare.
5	Children who are not part of a level 1 to 4 class.

2. Within each category, children are classified by rank based on the time elapsed on the waiting list since the date desired by the parent for the provision of childcare services to begin. The ranking order goes from the child with the most days, as calculated under the second paragraph, to the child with the fewest days, as calculated under the second paragraph, who occupies the last rank in his or her class.

For the purpose of establishing the children's rank within a class, the administrator calculates the number of days elapsed since the date desired by the parent for the provision of childcare services to begin, expressed in accordance with the first paragraph of section 12 of this Regulation or the date, if later, on which the child was registered on the permit holder's waiting list, up to the date of the beginning of the provision of childcare services identified by the permit holder under subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 31 of this Regulation. Despite the foregoing, the number of days during which the child's registration on the permit holder's waiting list was suspended pursuant to section 21, 22 or 47 of this Regulation are not taken into account.

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Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2)

Cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances

—Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission

allowances, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation amends the Regulation respecting a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances (chapter Q-2, r. 46.1) to exclude data for reference years that have more than 10% of data missing from the calculation of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and from the calculation of hydrogen consumption used in equations 19-13, 19-14, 19-15, 19-16 and 19-18 for the purpose of determining the total quantity of GHG emission units allocated without charge that may be paid to an eligible emitter for the period 2024-2030.

Moreover, the draft Regulation defines the expression "sampling rate" used in those equations, to clarify that it has the meaning assigned to it by the Regulation respecting mandatory reporting of certain emissions of contaminants into the atmosphere (chapter Q-2, r. 15).

The amendments proposed by the draft Regulation allow for more equitable and coherent treatment of emitters subject to the Regulation while avoiding a significant over-estimate of the allocation without charge to a limited number of emitters for the entire period 2024-2030. They apply to the 5 equations that use the actual GHG data from the year 2023 when calculating the allocation without charge for the year 2024. Those equations are used to calculate the allocation without charge of 9 establishments. At present, it is impossible to determine how many establishments will have more than 10% of GHG data missing in 2023 and will therefore be concerned by the amendments, given that the deadline for submitting the GHG emissions report for the year 2023 is 1 July 2024. Moreover, since small and medium-sized businesses registered for the cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances are fuel distributors, offset credit promoters or participants, they are not eligible for the allocation without charge and are therefore not covered by the draft Regulation. Consequently, no impact is expected for small and medium-sized businesses. In accordance with the Politique gouvernementale sur l'allégement réglementaire et administratif – Pour une réglementation intelligente (Government Policy on Regulatory and Administrative Streamlining -For Intelligent Regulation), a regulatory impact analysis of the draft Regulation was conducted with regard to the impact on enterprises. The analysis may be consulted on the Ministère's website.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Steve Doucet-Héon, coordinator, Direction adjointe des opérations du marché du carbone, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, édifice Marie-Guyart, 5° étage, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, Québec (Québec), G1R 5V7; telephone: 418 521-3868, extension 7604; email: Steve.Doucet-Heon@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Nicolas Garceau, Director, Direction adjointe des opérations du marché du carbone, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, édifice Marie-Guyart, 5° étage, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, Québec (Québec), G1R 5V7; telephone: 418 521-3868, extension 4663; email: Nicolas.Garceau@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

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Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances

Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2, s. 46.5, s. 46.8, 1st par., subpar. 1, and s. 46.15, pars. 1 and 4)

- **1.** The Regulation respecting a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances (chapter Q-2, r. 46.1) is amended in Part II of Appendix C
- (1) by adding the following paragraph after paragraph 6 of Division A, concerning definitions:
- "(7) "sampling rate" means the actual sampling rate or measurement rate, expressed as a percentage, determined in accordance with the method for the estimation of missing data applicable under section 6.3.1 of the Regulation respecting mandatory reporting of certain emissions of contaminants into the atmosphere (chapter Q-2, r. 15).";
 - (2) in Division D, concerning calculation methods
 - (a) in equation 19-13
- i. by replacing "year 2023" in the definition of factor " $F_{\rm H\,2023}$ " by "the most recent year, prior to 2024, for which the sampling rate is equal to or greater than 90%";
- ii. by replacing "year 2023" in the definition of factor "GHG_{FP 2023,j}" by "the most recent year, prior to 2024, for which the sampling rate is equal to or greater than 90%";

iii. by replacing "year 2023" in the definition of factor " $P_{R 2023,j}$ " by "the most recent year, prior to 2024, for which the sampling rate of fixed process emissions attributable to type of activity j at the establishment is equal to or greater than 90%";

(b) in equation 19-14

- i. by replacing "year 2023" in the definition of factor "GHG_{FP cu,2023}" by "the most recent year, prior to 2024, for which the sampling rate is equal to or greater than 90%";
- ii. by replacing "year 2023" in the definition of factor " $P_{R_{cu,2023j}}$ " by "the most recent year, prior to 2024, for which the sampling rate of fixed process emissions attributable to copper anode production at the establishment is equal to or greater than 90%";
 - (c) in equation 19-15
- i. by replacing "year 2023" in the definition of factor "A_{recycl,2023}" by "the most recent year, prior to 2024, for which the sampling rate is equal to or greater than 90%";
- ii. by replacing "year 2023" in the definition of factor "P_{R RSM,2023}" by "the most recent year, prior to 2024, for which the sampling rate of GHG emissions attributable to the carbon content of recycled secondary materials used in the process is equal to or greater than 90%";

(d) in equation 19-16

- i. by replacing "year 2023" in the definition of factor "GHG_{FP 2023,j}" by "the most recent year, prior to 2024, for which the sampling rate is equal to or greater than 90%";
- ii. by replacing "year 2023" in the definition of factor " $P_{R 2023,j}$ " by "the most recent year, prior to 2024, for which the sampling rate of fixed process emissions attributable to type of activity *j* at the establishment is equal to or greater than 90%";

(e) in equation 19-18

- i. by replacing "year 2023" in the definition of factor "GHG $_{\text{C,2023 RSM}}$ " by "the most recent year, prior to 2024, for which the sampling rate is equal to or greater than 90%";
- ii. by replacing "year 2023" in the definition of factor "P_{R RSM, 2023}" by "the most recent year, prior to 2024, for which the sampling rate of GHG combustion emissions attributable to the treatment of recycled secondary materials is equal to or greater than 90%".
- **2.** This Regulation comes into force on 1 January 2024.

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Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2)

Mandatory reporting of certain emissions of contaminants into the atmosphere

-Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting mandatory reporting of certain emissions of contaminants into the atmosphere, appearing below, may be made by the Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft regulation provides for mandatory reporting for operators whose enterprises, facilities or establishments engage in greenhouse gas emissions capture, storage, re-use or elimination, or receive greenhouse gas emissions transfers from other operators' enterprises, facilities or establishments. Consequently, the Regulation also provides for improved reporting as regards captured, stored, eliminated, re-used or transferred emissions.

In addition, the draft Regulation clarifies protocol QC.1 as regards biomethane reporting and amends protocol QC.16 mainly to include the total energy consumed as part of greenhouse gas reporting requirements.

Lastly, the draft Regulation makes minor adjustments to Tables 1-1, 1-3, 29-1 and 29-6 and updates Table 17-1 concerning default greenhouse gas emission factors for Canadian provinces and certain North American markets.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Olivier Lacroix, engineer, Direction des inventaires et de la gestion des halocarbures, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs; telephone: 418-521-3868, extension 4542; email: olivier.lacroix@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Vicky Leblond, Director, Direction des inventaires et de la gestion des halocarbures, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, édifice Marie-Guyart, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 5° étage, boîte 30, Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7; email: vicky.leblond@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

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