

Draft Regulation

Sustainable Forest Development Act
(chapter A-18.1)

Forestry permits — 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 forestry permits, appearing below, may be made by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forests on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation extends the transitional period before the application of some of the new standards for tapping maple trees.

Study of the matter has shown that the draft Regulation will have no impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Nicolas-Pascal Côté, Director, Direction de la gestion de l’approvisionnement en bois, Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts, 5700, 4^e Avenue Ouest, bureau A-202, Québec (Québec) G1H 6R1; telephone: 418 627-8646, extension 704200; email: Nicolas-Pascal.Cote@mffp.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Alain Sénéchal, Associate Deputy Minister for Forests, Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts, 5700, 4^e Avenue Ouest, bureau A-405, Québec (Québec) G1H 6R1.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting forestry permits

Sustainable Forest Development Act
(chapter A-18.1, s. 87, par. 3)

1. The Regulation respecting forestry permits (chapter A-18.1, r. 8.1) is amended by replacing section 58 by the following:

“**58.** Despite paragraph 2 of section 24, where a sugar bush forestry permit has been issued by the Minister before 15 December 2023, only maple trees at least

(1) 19.1 cm in diameter at 1.30 m above the highest ground level may be tapped until 30 April 2031, and

(2) 21.1 cm in diameter at 1.30 m above the highest ground level may be tapped until 30 April 2038.

Despite paragraph 3 of section 24, until the end of the period provided for in subparagraph 1 or 2 of the first paragraph, as applicable, the maximum number of tapholes in the same maple tree is determined according to the diameter of the tree, in accordance with the following table:

Diameter of maple tree at 1.30 m above the highest ground level	Maximum number of tapholes
Between 19.1 cm and 39 cm	1
39.1 cm and more	2

This section does not apply to parts of territory added after 14 December 2023 for which a sugar bush forestry permit has been issued.”

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

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