

(1) is for the benefit of joint public bodies or public bodies using common support system services provided by the Minister of Cybersecurity and Digital Technology;

(2) relates to software already held by the public body and whose object is, as the case may be,

(a) the update or upgrade of the software;

(b) the delivery of additional copies of the software for a maximum quantity equal to that held by the public body before entering into the contract except for software used for common support system services provided by the Minister of Cybersecurity and Digital Technology; or

(c) the procurement of software in addition to the software held by the public body where no other interoperable software offering the functionalities and requirements sought exists; and

(3) concerns software that, in the opinion of the chief information officer or a staff member designated by the chief information officer for that purpose, further to a global assessment, is likely essential to the operation of a system used to support the carrying out of the State's mission.

In addition, the software referred to in the first paragraph must be necessary for the public body to avoid

(1) being unable to fulfil its mission;

(2) adversely affecting the services offered to citizens, enterprises or other public bodies;

(3) contravening laws and regulations; or

(4) substantially duplicating the costs for the common support system services provided by the Minister of Cybersecurity and Digital Technology.

**48.2.** An authorization from the chief executive officer of the public body is required before entering into the contract provided for in section 48.1. The authorization must indicate the object or objects applicable to the situation and the prejudicial effect or effects to be avoided, among those stated respectively in the first and second paragraphs of that section.

The chief executive officer of the public body or the staff member authorized for that purpose must, before the delivery of the software, approve each order placed under the contract. The first paragraph applies to the approval.”.

**2.** The following is added after section 75:

“**75.1.** At least once a year and at the end of the contract, the Centre d’acquisitions gouvernementales publishes in the electronic tendering system, on behalf of each public body for the benefit of which a contract referred to in section 48.1 has been entered into,

(1) the name of the software;

(2) the name of the supplier;

(3) the number of copies of the software ordered; and

(4) the total amount paid.”.

#### TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL

**3.** The second paragraph of section 48.2 of the Regulation respecting contracting by public bodies in the field of information technologies (chapter C-65.1, r. 5.1), as made by section 1 of this Regulation, applies to orders placed under a contract entered into under Décret 1118-2017 dated 22 November 2017, Décret 1195-2019 dated 4 December 2019 or Décret 529-2021 dated 7 April 2021.

**4.** Section 75.1 of the Regulation respecting contracting by public bodies in the field of information technologies, as made by section 2 of this Regulation, applies to contracts referred to in section 3 provided they are ongoing. Despite the foregoing, the Centre d’acquisitions gouvernementales must not publish the information referred to in paragraph 1 of section 75.1.

**5.** 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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Gouvernement du Québec

#### O.C. 240-2024, 7 February 2024

Designation of the authority to exercise the powers or perform the duties and functions set out in sections 18.1 to 19.1 of the Divorce Act

WHEREAS, under section 18 of the Divorce Act (R.S.C. 1985, c. 3 (2nd Suppl.)), designated authority means a person or entity that is designated by a province to exercise the powers or perform the duties and functions set out in sections 18.1 to 19.1 of the Act within the province;

WHEREAS sections 18.1 to 19.1 of the Act provide the procedure to follow in order that former spouses who are resident in different provinces or designated jurisdictions may commence a proceeding to obtain, vary, rescind or suspend a support order;

WHEREAS it is expedient to designate the Minister of Justice to exercise or perform, in Québec, the powers or the duties and functions set out in sections 18.1 to 19.1 of the Divorce Act;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice:

THAT the Minister of Justice be designated to exercise or perform, in Québec, the powers or the duties and functions set out in sections 18.1 to 19.1 of the Divorce Act (R.S.C. 1985, c. 3 (2nd Suppl.)).

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