

## Draft Regulations

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### Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act  
(chapter Q-2)

Act to amend the Environment Quality Act to modernize the environmental authorization scheme and to amend other legislative provisions, in particular to reform the governance of the Green Fund (2017, chapter 4)

#### Fees payable with respect to the environmental authorization scheme and other fees

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting the fees payable with respect to the environmental authorization scheme and other fees, appearing below, may be made by the Minister on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation replaces the Ministerial Order concerning the fees payable under the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2, r. 28) to take into account the modernization of the environmental authorization scheme resulting from the Act to amend the Environment Quality Act to modernize the environmental authorization scheme and to amend other legislative provisions, in particular to reform the governance of the Green Fund (2017, chapter 4).

It proposes fees payable by an applicant, under the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2), for the issue or amendment of an authorization relating to projects subject to any of the environmental impact assessment and review procedures as well as the issue, amendment or renewal of a ministerial authorization.

It also proposes fees payable by an applicant, under the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2), for the approval of a rehabilitation plan and the fees payable by anyone required to file a declaration of compliance with the Minister in accordance with that Act.

The proposed fees are, in most cases, comparable or less than the fees currently in force. They are, however, higher for certain applications, in particular for the establishment of a facility for the treatment of wastewater with unvalidated technology, overflow of wastewater and certain projects in wetlands or bodies of water.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by consulting the website of the Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques at <https://www.environnement.gouv.qc.ca/ministere/tarification/arrete.htm>. Such information may also be obtained by contacting Matilde Thérroux-Lemay, Direction du soutien à la gouvernance, Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, Édifice Marie-Guyart, 675, boul. René-Levesque Est, RC 265, Québec (QC) G1R 5V7; telephone: 418-521-3929, extension 4085; email: [matilde.theroux-lemay@environnement.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:matilde.theroux-lemay@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 Matilde Thérroux-Lemay, at the above-mentioned contact information.

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### Regulation respecting the fees payable with respect to the environmental authorization scheme and other fees

Environment Quality Act  
(chapter Q-2, s. 95.3; 2017, chapter 4, s. 296)

#### CHAPTER I GENERAL

**1.** The purpose of this Regulation is to determine the fees payable by an applicant, under the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2), hereinafter referred to as “the Act”, for the issue or amendment of an authorization relating to projects subject to any of the environmental impact assessment and review procedures and for the issue, amendment or renewal of a ministerial authorization or approval of a rehabilitation plan by the Minister. It also determines the fees payable by anyone required to file a declaration of compliance with the Minister in accordance with the Act.

**CHAPTER II****AUTHORIZATIONS RELATING TO PROJECTS  
SUBJECT TO ANY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW  
PROCEDURES****DIVISION I****ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
AND REVIEW PROCEDURE COVERED  
BY TITLE I OF THE ACT**

**2.** The following fees are payable by any person or municipality applying for the issue of an authorization under section 31.1. of the Act for a project subject to the environmental impact assessment and review procedure. They are determined according to the step of the procedure and the class assigned to the project in accordance with Schedule I.

Class 4 fees are payable for a project that is not listed in Schedule I, but that is subject to the environmental impact assessment and review procedure.

<b>Steps of the environmental impact assessment and review procedure</b>	<b>Fees payable according to the class assigned to the project</b>			
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Filing of the notice provided for in section 31.2 of the Act	\$1,459	\$1,459	\$1,459	\$1,459
Filing of the environmental impact assessment statement with the Minister provided for in section 31.3.2 of the Act	\$5,838	\$20,439	\$35,037	\$49,638
Public information period provided for in the first paragraph of section 31.3.5 of the Act	\$1,459	\$5,110	\$8,759	\$12,410
Public consultation provided for in subparagraph 1 of the fifth paragraph of section 31.3.5 or section 31.3.6 of the Act	\$14,200	\$50,247	\$86,135	\$122,026
Targeted consultation provided for in subparagraph 2 of the fifth paragraph of section 31.3.5 or section 31.3.6 of the Act	\$8,520	\$29,837	\$51,149	\$72,461
Mediation provided for in subparagraph 3 of the fifth paragraph of section 31.3.5 of the Act	\$5,778	\$5,778	\$5,778	\$5,778

**3.** The following fees are payable by any person or municipality that, under section 31.7 of the Act, applies for the amendment of an authorization issued under section 31.5 of the Act. They are determined according to the class assigned to the project in accordance with Schedule I.

Class 4 fees are payable for a project that is not listed in Schedule I, but that is subject to the environmental impact assessment and review procedure.

Type of amendment	Fees payable according to the class assigned to the project			
	1	2	3	4
Amendment to support documents or information already filed with an application and not involving capacity, production or a process change or having no environmental impact	\$1,459	\$1,459	\$1,459	\$1,459
Amendment involving capacity, a production increase or a process change	\$4,378	\$13,503	\$22,628	\$31,754
Rate for any other amendment	\$2,919	\$10,218	\$10,218	\$10,218

## DIVISION II

### ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW PROCEDURE APPLICABLE TO THE JAMES BAY AND NORTHERN QUÉBEC REGION REFERRED TO IN TITLE II OF THE ACT

**4.** The following fees are payable by any person or municipality that, under section 160 or 196 of the Act, applies for the issue of an authorization referred to in paragraph *a* of section 154 or paragraph *a* of section 189 of the Act, for a project automatically subject to the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure. They are determined according to the step of the procedure and the class assigned to the project in accordance with Schedule II or III.

Class 1 fees are payable for a project that is not listed in Schedule II or III, but that is subject to the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure.

Steps of the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure	Fees payable according to the class assigned to the project			
	1	2	3	4
Receiving of the notice provided for in section 155 of the Act and analysis of the recommendations formulated by the Evaluating Committee under section 157 of the Act or by the Commission de la qualité de l'environnement Kativik under section 192 of the Act	\$1,459	\$1,459	\$1,459	\$1,459
Analysis of the impact assessment statement referred to in sections 160 and 196 of the Act	\$7,297	\$25,547	\$43,795	\$62,048

**5.** The following fees are payable by any person or municipality that, under the second paragraph of section 122.2 of the Act, applies for the amendment of an authorization issued under Title II of the Act. They are determined according to the class assigned to the project in accordance with Schedule II or III.

Class 1 fees are payable for a project that is neither listed in Schedule II or Schedule III, but that is subject to the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure.

Type of amendment	Fees payable according to the class assigned to the project			
	1	2	3	4
Amendment to support documents or information already filed with an application and not involving capacity, production or a process change or having no environmental impact	\$1,459	\$1,459	\$1,459	\$1,459
Amendment involving capacity, a production increase or a process change	\$4,378	\$13,503	\$22,628	\$31,754
Rate for any other amendment	\$2,919	\$10,218	\$10,218	\$10,218

### CHAPTER III MINISTERIAL AUTHORIZATIONS

**6.** The fees provided for in Schedule IV are payable by any person or municipality that applies for, as the case may be,

(1) the issue of a ministerial authorization under section 22 of the Act;

(2) the amendment of a ministerial authorization under section 30 of the Act;

(3) the renewal of a ministerial authorization under section 28 of the Act.

The fees are determined according to each activity covered by the application. Where an application covers more than one activity subject to the same subparagraph of the first paragraph of section 22 of the Act, except subparagraph 10, the fees payable for each activity are not added; the highest fees from those payable for each activity apply.

Where the application covers the issue, amendment or renewal of an activity for which no fees are provided for in any of the tables in Schedule IV, the fee payable is \$600.

Where an application for the amendment of a ministerial authorization covers a new activity referred to in section 22 of the Act, in accordance with section 28 of

the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact (chapter Q-2, r. 17.1), the fees payable for that application for amendment are those applicable to the issue of an authorization for that activity.

**7.** The fee payable by any person or municipality that applies for the issue of a ministerial authorization under subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph of section 22 of the Act for a project covered by the environmental impact assessment and review procedure provided for in subdivision 4 of Division II of Chapter IV of Title I of the Act is, in all cases, \$600.

**8.** No fees are payable by a person who applies, as the case may be, for the issue, amendment or renewal of a ministerial authorization for a water withdrawal activity referred to in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 22 of the Act, for the spreading of fertilizers, where those activities are carried out for the cultivation of non-aquatic plants and mushrooms, a maple syrup production site, the raising of animals referred to in section 2 of the Agricultural Operations Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 26) or the operation of an aquaculture site.

No fees are payable by an applicant, as the case may be, for the issue, amendment or renewal of a ministerial authorization for an activity referred to in subparagraph 8 of the first paragraph of section 22 of the Act where the activity is carried out by the operator on a raising site, spreading site or an aquaculture site on such a site.

**9.** Despite section 6, the fees payable by an enterprises having 10 employees or less that applies, as the case may be, for the issue, amendment or renewal of a ministerial authorization may not exceed the amount of \$1,100 for each activity covered by the application.

**10.** The following fees are payable by a person who applies to the Minister, under section 296 of the Act to amend the Environment Quality Act to modernize the environmental authorization scheme and to amend other legislative provisions, in particular to reform the governance of the Green Fund (2017, chapter 4), to combine into only one authorization all the authorizations issued under section 22 of the Act before 23 March 2018:

- (1) for combining 5 authorizations or less: \$1,900;
- (2) for combining 6 to 10 authorizations: \$2,950;
- (3) for combining 11 to 20 authorizations: \$4,400;
- (4) for combining 21 authorizations or more: \$6,650.

#### CHAPTER IV DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE

**11.** Fees of \$100 are payable by any person or municipality that files with the Minister a declaration of compliance under section 31.0.6 or 31.68.1 of the Act.

No fees are payable where the declaration of compliance concerns an activity referred to in sections 135, 142, 144, 150, 153, 161, 252, 255 and 257 of the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact (chapter Q-2, r. 17.1).

#### CHAPTER V APPROVAL

**12.** Fees of \$600 are payable by any person or municipality that files with the Minister, for approval, a land rehabilitation plan under Division IV of Chapter IV of Title I of the Act.

Despite the first paragraph, the following fees are payable by any person or municipality that files with the Minister, for approval, a land rehabilitation plan under Division IV of Chapter IV of Title I of the Act, where the plan provides for, as the case may be,

- (1) the treatment on the land of contaminated soils and the reclamation of those soils outside the land: \$1,900;
- (2) the keeping on the land of contaminated soils: \$4,400.

#### CHAPTER VI METHODS FOR THE PAYMENT OF FEES AND INTEREST

**13.** The fees payable under this Regulation must be paid in full, electronically,

(1) at the beginning of each step of the environmental impact assessment and review procedure where the fees are payable under Chapter II;

(2) when filing the application in accordance with the second paragraph of section 16 of the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact (chapter Q-2, r. 17.1) where the fees are payable under Chapter III;

(3) when filing the declaration of compliance in accordance with the second paragraph of section 41 of the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact where the fees are payable under Chapter IV; and

(4) when filing the rehabilitation plan where the fees are payable under Chapter V.

**14.** The fees payable under this Regulation are adjusted on 1 January of each year on the basis of the rate corresponding to the annual variation in the All-items Consumer Price Index for Canada as published by Statistics Canada; the rate is calculated by determining the difference between the average of the monthly indexes for the 12-month period ending on 30 September of the preceding year and the average of the monthly indexes for the same period of the second preceding year.

The adjusted amounts are reduced to the nearest dollar if they contain a fraction of a dollar less than \$0.50; they are increased to the nearest dollar if they contain a fraction of a dollar equal to or greater than \$0.50.

The Minister publishes the results of the adjustment in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* before 1 January of each year and, if the Minister considers it appropriate, by any other means.

#### CHAPTER VI TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL

**15.** Despite section 13, the fees payable under this Regulation in the 2 years after (*insert the date of coming into force of this Regulation*) may be paid by cheque or bank or money order made to the order of the Minister of Finance or by an electronic method of payment.

**16.** This Regulation replaces the Ministerial Order concerning the fees payable under the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2, r. 28).

Despite the foregoing, section 14.1 of that Ministerial Order continues to apply to the extent provided for in section 28 of the Act respecting the acceleration of certain infrastructure projects (chapter A-2.001).

**17.** This Regulation comes into force on 31 December 2021.

## SCHEDULE I

(ss. 2 and 3)

### CLASS ASSIGNED TO PROJECTS SUBJECT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW PROCEDURE PROVIDED FOR IN SUBDIVISION IV OF DIVISION II OF CHAPTER IV OF TITLE I OF THE ENVIRONMENT QUALITY ACT

For the purposes of sections 12 and 13, the class assigned to a project subject to the environmental impact assessment and review procedure provided for in subdivision IV of Division II of Chapter IV of Title I of the Act is based on a scale of 1 to 4 depending on the complexity of the project, class 1 being assigned to the less complex projects and class 4 to the more complex projects.

Projects subject under Part II of Schedule 1 of the Regulation respecting the environmental impact assessment and review of certain projects	Project subclasses	Class assigned to the project
<b>1. Dam and dike</b>		1
<b>2. Work in wetlands and bodies of water</b>		1
(1) dredging, clearing, filling, or levelling off work, for any purpose whatsoever, for a same river or lake		1
(2) construction of a dike for the flooding of wetlands and bodies of water on any new area equal to or greater than 1,000,000 m <sup>2</sup> that will be operated by a cranberry farm		2
<b>3. Rerouting or diverting of a river or lake</b>	- within the same watershed	1
	- to another watershed	4
<b>4. Port, wharf and port terminal</b>	- <b>construction</b>	3
	- expansion	1
(1) construction or expansion of a port, wharf or port terminal		1

(2) in the case of a recreational harbour,  (a) construction of such a port for 150 boats or more		2
(b) any increase of the maximum capacity of such a port to reach 150 boats or more		1
(c) where the maximum capacity authorized by the Government under section 31.5 of the Act is 150 boats or more, addition of at least 50 boats, whether that threshold is reached following one or more separate projects		1
<b>5. Road infrastructures</b>		
(1) construction, over a minimum length of 5 km, of a road designed for 4 lanes or more or the widening, over that distance, of a road increasing the number of lanes to 4 or more		4
(2) construction or widening of a road whose planned right of way has a width equal to or greater than 40 m over a minimum length of 5 km		4
(3) construction of a road designed for 4 lanes or more whose planned right of way has a width equal to or greater than 35 m over a minimum length of 1 km situated within an urbanization perimeter indicated in the land use planning and development plan applicable to the territory concerned or to an Indian reserve;	- for a road over a length of less than 2 km	1
	- for a road over a length of 2 to 5 km	3
	- for a road over a length of more than 5 km	4
(4) widening of a road designed for 4 lanes or more or whose right of way has a width equal to or greater than 35 m over a minimum length of 2 km situated within an urbanization perimeter indicated in the land use planning and development plan applicable to the territory concerned or to an Indian reserve.		3

<b>6. Airport</b>	- establishment	2
	- expansion	1
<b>7. Rail yard, railroad and shared transportation</b>		4
<b>8. Installation for natural gas or biomethane regasification or liquefaction</b>		
(1) construction of a facility for the liquefaction of natural gas or biomethane whose maximum daily capacity of liquefaction equipment is equal to or greater than 100 m <sup>3</sup> of liquefied natural gas		4
(2) construction of a facility for the regasification of liquefied natural gas whose maximum daily capacity of regasification equipment is equal to or greater than 4,000 m <sup>3</sup> of liquefied natural gas		4
(3) any project to increase the maximum daily regasification capacity of a facility that would reach or exceed 4,000 m <sup>3</sup> of liquefied natural gas		3
(4) any project to increase the maximum daily liquefaction capacity of a facility that would reach or exceed 100 m <sup>3</sup> of liquefied natural gas		3
(5) any project to increase by 50% or more the maximum daily capacity of a facility referred to in subparagraphs 1 and 4 whose maximum daily liquefaction or regasification capacity, before the increase, is equal to or greater than 100 m <sup>3</sup> or 4,000 m <sup>3</sup> of liquefied natural gas, as the case may be		3
<b>9. Oil pipelines and gas pipelines</b>		
(1) construction of an oil or gas pipeline		4
(2) work, structures or works for converting a gas pipeline into an oil pipeline or for inverting the flow of an oil pipeline		2

<b>10. Power transmission lines and transformer station</b> (1) construction, over a distance greater than 2 km, of an electric power transmission and distribution line of a voltage equal to or greater than 315 kV	(a) over a length of less than 5 km	3
	(b) over a length of 5 km or more	4
(2) construction of a control or transformer station of a voltage equal to or greater than 315 kV, including all the electric power transmission lines of the same voltage		2
<b>11. Electric power generation</b> (1) construction for electric power generation	(a) of a hydro-electric power plant or an in-stream tidal turbine farm of a capacity equal to or greater than 5 MW	4
	(b) of a fossil fuel power generating plant or other type of facility with a capacity equal to or greater than 5 MW	4
	(c) of a wind farm or any other type of power generating plant or facility with a capacity equal to or greater than 10 MW	4
(2) reconstruction of a work referred to in subparagraph 1		4
(3) increase of the capacity of an electric power generating plant, farm or other type of facility, as the case may be, if their capacity, before the increase or following the increase, is equal to or greater than	(a) 5 MW in the case of a hydro-electric power plant or an in-stream tidal turbine farm	3
	(b) 5 MW in the case of a fossil fuel power generating plant or other type of facility	3
	(c) 10 MW in the case of a wind farm or any other type of power generating plant or facility	3
(4) addition of a turboalternator to a combustion system that had not been previously used to produce electric power if the capacity of the alternator is equal to or greater than	(a) 5 MW in the case of a combustion system burning fossil fuels	1
	(b) 10 MW in the other cases covered by subparagraphs 1 to 4	1

<b>12. Nuclear transformation and radioactive waste management</b>		4
<b>13. Petroleum exploration and production</b>		4
<b>14. Petroleum, gas and coal processing</b> (1) construction of an oil refinery, a petrochemical plant, a liquid petroleum gas fractionating plant, a plant that processes or synthesizes energy-producing gas or a plant that processes or synthesizes coal products		4
(2) increase of 25% or more of the maximum daily production or transformation capacity of such a refinery or plant		3
(3) increase of the maximum daily production or transformation capacity that results in an expansion of more than 25% of the operation area of such a refinery or plant		3
<b>15. Pulp and paper mills</b>	(a) de-inking plant	
(1) construction of a mill within the meaning of the Regulation respecting pulp and paper mills (chapter Q-2, r. 27) whose maximum annual production capacity would be equal to or greater than 40,000 metric tons		3
	(b) other pulp and paper mills	4
(2) increase of the maximum annual production capacity of a mill to reach or exceed 40,000 metric tons		4
(3) in the case of a mill whose maximum annual production capacity is equal to or greater than 40,000 metric tons	(a) increase of 50% or more of that capacity	3
	(b) increase of that capacity that results in an expansion of 25% or more of the mill operation area	3

<p><b>16. Rendering plant</b></p> <p>(1) establishment of a dismembering plant, “rendering plant” category, within the meaning of section 1.3.4.2 of the Regulation respecting food (chapter P-29, r. 1), whose maximum hourly reception capacity would be equal to or greater than 1 metric ton</p>		4
<p>(2) increase of 25% or more of the maximum hourly reception capacity of such a plant</p>		3
<p>(3) increase of the maximum hourly capacity of a dismembering plant mentioned in subparagraph 1 to reach or exceed 1 metric ton</p>		3
<p><b>17. Extractive metallurgy</b></p> <p>(1) construction of an extractive metallurgy plant whose maximum annual production capacity would be equal to or greater than 40,000 metric tons</p>		4
<p>(2) increase of the maximum annual production capacity of such a plant to reach or exceed 40,000 metric tons</p>		4
<p>(3) in the case of a plant whose maximum annual production capacity is equal to or greater than 40,000 metric tons</p>		3
<p>(4) construction of an extractive metallurgy plant for the production of rare earth or rare earth compound, any increase of the maximum annual production capacity or any expansion of the operation area of such a plant</p>	- construction	4
	- increase of capacity	3
<p>(5) construction of an extractive metallurgy plant for the production of radioactive elements or radioactive compounds, or uranium refining or enrichment and any increase of the maximum annual production capacity or expansion of the operation area of such a plant .</p>	- construction	4
	- increase of capacity	3

<b>18. Cement and quicklime manufacturing</b>	<i>(a)</i> construction of a cement plant	4
(1) construction of a cement or quicklime plant	<i>(b)</i> construction of a quicklime plant	3
(2) increase of 50% or more of the maximum daily capacity for the production of cement or quicklime of such a plant		3
(3) increase of the maximum daily capacity for the production of cement or quicklime that results in an expansion of 25% or more of the operation area of such a plant		3
<b>19. Explosives manufacturing</b>		
(1) construction of a plant for the manufacturing of explosives, explosive detonators or explosive devices		4
(2) increase of the maximum daily production capacity of 10% or more of such a plant		3
(3) increase of the maximum daily production capacity that results in an expansion of 25% or more of the operation area of such a plant		3
<b>20. Chemicals manufacturing</b>		
(1) construction of a chemical plant whose maximum annual production capacity would be equal to or greater than 50,000 metric tons		4
(2) increase of the maximum annual production capacity of a chemical plant to reach or exceed 50,000 metric tons		4
(3) in the case of a plant whose maximum annual production capacity is equal to or greater than 50,000 metric tons	<i>(a)</i> increase of 50% or more of that capacity	3
	<i>(b)</i> increase of that capacity that results in an expansion of 25% or more of the plant operation area	3
<b>21. Heavy water production</b>		4
<b>22. Mining activity</b>		4

<p><b>23. Ore treatment</b></p> <p>(1) construction of a treatment plant referred to in any of subparagraphs <i>a</i> to <i>e</i> of subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph of section 23 of Part II of Schedule I of the Regulation respecting the environmental impact assessment and review of certain projects (chapter Q-2, Order in Council 287-2018)</p>		4
<p>(2) increase of the maximum daily treatment capacity of a plant referred to in subparagraph <i>c</i> or <i>d</i> of subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph of section 23 of Part II of Schedule I of the Regulation mentioned in paragraph 1 above to reach or exceed, as the case may be, any of the treatment thresholds provided for therein</p>		3
<p>(3) expansion of 50% or more of a treatment plant in the cases referred to in subparagraph 3 of the second paragraph of section 23 of Part II of Schedule I of the Regulation mentioned in paragraph 1 above</p>		3
<p><b>24. Physical metallurgy</b></p> <p>(1) construction of a physical metallurgy plant for the processing, forming or treatment of metal products whose maximum annual production capacity would be equal to or greater than 20,000 metric tons</p>		4
<p>(2) increase of the maximum annual production capacity of a plant to reach or exceed 20,000 metric tons</p>		4
<p>(3) in the case of a plant whose maximum annual production capacity is equal to or greater than 20,000 metric tons</p>	<p>(a) increase of 50% or more of that capacity</p>	3
	<p>(b) increase of that capacity that results in an expansion of more than 25% of the plant operation area</p>	3

<p><b>25. Manufacturing of materials derived from wood</b></p> <p>(1) construction of a plant that produces chipboard from wood fibre or manufactures other composite materials derived from wood whose annual maximum production capacity would be equal to or greater than 50,000 m<sup>3</sup></p>		4
<p>(2) increase of the maximum annual production capacity of a plant that would reach or exceed 50 000 m<sup>3</sup></p>		4
<p>(3) in the case of a plant whose maximum annual production capacity is equal to or greater than 50 000 m<sup>3</sup></p>	<p>(a) increase of 50% or more of that capacity</p>	3
	<p>(b) increase of that capacity that results in an expansion of 25% or more of the plant operation area</p>	3
<p><b>26. Manufacturing of motor vehicles or others</b></p>		3
<p><b>27. Manufacturing of bricks</b></p> <p>(1) construction of a clay brick or fire brick plant whose maximum annual production capacity would be equal to or greater than 20,000 metric tons</p>		4
<p>(2) increase of the maximum annual production capacity of a plant to reach or exceed 20,000 metric tons</p>		4
	<p>(a) increase of 50% or more of that capacity</p>	3
<p>(3) in the case of a plant whose maximum annual production capacity is equal to or greater than 20,000 metric tons</p>	<p>(b) increase of that capacity that results in an expansion of 25% or more of the plant operation area</p>	3
<p><b>28. Manufacturing of glass</b></p> <p>(1) construction of a glass plant whose maximum annual production capacity would be equal to or greater than 50,000 metric tons</p>		4

(2) increase of the maximum annual production capacity of a plant to reach or exceed 50,000 metric tons		4
(3) in the case of a plant whose maximum annual production capacity is equal to or greater than 50,000 metric tons	(a) increase of 50% or more of that capacity	3
	(b) increase of that capacity that results in an expansion of 25% or more of the plant operation area	3
<b>29. Manufacturing of tires</b>		
(1) construction of a tire plant whose maximum annual production capacity would be equal to or greater than 20,000 metric tons		4
(2) increase of the maximum annual production capacity of a plant to reach or exceed 20,000 metric tons		4
(3) in the case of a plant whose maximum annual production capacity is equal to or greater than 20,000 metric tons	(a) increase of 50% or more of that capacity	3
	(b) increase of that capacity that results in an expansion of 25% or more of the plant operation area	3
<b>30. Livestock production</b>		2
<b>31. Application of pesticides</b>		4
<b>32. Construction of storage tanks</b>		2
<b>33. Incineration of residual materials other than hazardous materials</b>		4
<b>34. Landfill site</b>		4
<b>35. Site for the final disposal of hazardous materials</b>		4
<b>36. Treatment and incineration of residual hazardous materials</b>		4
<b>37. Final disposal and thermal treatment of contaminated soils</b>		4
<b>38. Emissions of certain greenhouse gases</b>		4

**SCHEDULE II***(ss. 4 and 5)*

**CLASS ASSIGNED TO PROJECTS  
AUTOMATICALLY SUBJECT TO THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT  
ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW PROCEDURE  
PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTERS II AND III  
OF TITLE II OF THE ACT**

The class assigned to a project automatically subject to the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure provided for in Chapters II and III of Title II of the Act is based on a scale of 1 to 4 depending on the complexity of the project, class 1 being assigned to the less complex projects and class 4, to the more complex projects.

<b>PROJECTS AUTOMATICALLY SUBJECT UNDER SCHEDULE A OF THE ACT</b>	<b>CLASS ASSIGNED TO THE PROJECT</b>
<i>Subparagraph a</i>	
All mining developments, including additions to, alterations or amendments of existing mining developments:	
— New project, alterations	4
— Additions	3
<i>Subparagraph b</i>	
All borrow, sand and gravel pits and quarries, with areas of or over 3 hectares	1
<i>Subparagraph c</i>	
All hydro-electric power plants and nuclear installations and their associated works	4
<i>Subparagraph d</i>	
All storage and water supply reservoirs related to works intended to produce electricity	1
<i>Subparagraph e</i>	
All electric power transmission lines of over 75 kV	4
<i>Subparagraph f</i>	
All operations or installations related to the extraction or processing of energy yielding materials	3
<i>Subparagraph g</i>	
All fossil-fuel fired power generating plants with a calorific capacity of or above 3,000 kW	3
<i>Subparagraph h</i>	
Any road or branch of such road of at least 25 km in length which is intended for forestry operations for a period of at least 15 years	4
<i>Subparagraph i</i>	
All wood, pulp and paper mills or other plants for the transformation or the treatment of forest products	3

<b>PROJECTS AUTOMATICALLY SUBJECT UNDER SCHEDULE A OF THE ACT</b>	<b>CLASS ASSIGNED TO THE PROJECT</b>
Subparagraph <i>j</i> All land use projects which affect more than 65 km <sup>2</sup>	3
Subparagraph <i>k</i> All sanitary sewage systems including more than 1 km of piping and all waste water treatment plants designed to treat more than 200 kl of waste water per day	2
Subparagraph <i>l</i> All systems for the collection and disposal of residual materials, except mine tailings and hazardous materials	2
Subparagraph <i>m</i> All projects for the creation of parks or ecological reserves	3
Subparagraph <i>n</i> All outfitting facilities designed to accommodate at one time 30 persons or more, including networks of outpost camps	1
Subparagraph <i>o</i> The delimitation of the territory of any new community or municipality and any expansion of 20% or more of their total territory or their urbanized areas	2
Subparagraph <i>p</i> All access roads to a locality or road network contemplated for a new development	4
Subparagraph <i>q</i> All port and harbour facilities, railroads, airports, pipelines, or dredging operations for the improvement of navigation:	
— work related to a harbour facility	2
— construction of a railroad	4
— siting of an airport	2
— construction of a pipeline	4
— dredging operations for the improvement of navigation	1

### **SCHEDULE III**

(ss. 4 and 5)

CLASS ASSIGNED TO PROJECTS SUBJECT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW PROCEDURE PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTERS II AND III OF TITLE II OF THE ACT, BUT NOT LISTED IN ITS SCHEDULE A

The class assigned to a project subject to the environmental and social impact assessment and review procedure provided for in Chapters II and III of Title II of the Act, other than those listed in Schedule II, is based on a scale of 1 to 4 depending on the complexity of the project, class 1 being assigned to the less complex projects and class 4 to the more complex projects.

PROJECTS SUBJECT	CLASS ASSIGNED TO THE PROJECT
All borrow, sand and gravel pits and quarries with an area of less than 3 hectares, not in use solely for the purposes of road maintenance	1
All mining exploration activity not covered by subparagraph <i>g</i> of the first paragraph of Schedule B to the Act	2
All activity relating to improvement of the quality of life of local residents that is not covered by subparagraph <i>d</i> of the first paragraph of Schedule B to the Act	1
All facilities not covered by subparagraph <i>q</i> of the first paragraph of Schedule A to the Act that relate to nautical activities	1
All facilities that relate to a training activity	1
All activities of a military or ballistics nature	1
All energy generation projects not covered by subparagraph <i>c, d, e, f</i> or <i>g</i> of the first paragraph of Schedule A to the Act or by subparagraph <i>c</i> of the first paragraph of Schedule B to the Act	3
All energy conversion projects	1
All installations of wastewater treatment facilities and all drinking water supply systems not covered by subparagraph <i>k</i> of the first paragraph of Schedule A to the Act or by subparagraph <i>f</i> of the first paragraph of Schedule B to the Act	1
All road infrastructure not covered by subparagraphs <i>h</i> and <i>p</i> of the first paragraph of Schedule A to the Act	1
All decontamination, restoration and rehabilitation activities and associated activities	1
All solid waste management activities in a remote area	1
All temporary or permanent runways in a remote area	1
All bank stabilization or habitat protection projects	1
All plant and wildlife development projects	1
All petroleum depot management projects	1
All animal production projects	3
All meteorological, hydrological and hydrometeorological stations or wind measurement masts	1

#### SCHEDULE IV

(s. 6)

#### FEES PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE ACTIVITIES REFERRED TO IN SECTION 22 OF THE ACT

The fees payable are determined on the basis of the analysis costs of an application for the issue of an authorization or the amendment or renewal of an authorization, and vary in particular according to the nature and importance of the activity and the complexity of the technical and environmental aspects of the file.

In accordance with section 6, where the application covers the issue, amendment or renewal of an activity for which no fees are listed in any of the tables below, the fee payable is \$600.

<b>Fees payable according to the activities subject to an authorization under subparagraphs 1 to 9 of the first paragraph of section 22 of the Act</b>			
<b>Activities subject to an authorization under subparagraphs 1 to 9 of the first paragraph of section 22 of the Act</b>	<b>Reference sections</b>	<b>Type of application</b>	<b>Fees payable</b>
<b>Operation of an industrial establishment</b>  - New establishment	22, 1st par., subpar. 1, and 31.10 of the Act	Issue	\$6,650
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$4,400
	31.18, 2nd par., of the Act	Renewal	\$9,150
- Existing establishment	22, 1st par., subpar. 1, and 31.10 of the Act	Issue	\$9,150
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$6,650
	31.18, 2nd par., of the Act	Renewal	\$9,150
<b>Withdrawal of water</b>  - < 75 m <sup>3</sup> - > 75 m <sup>3</sup>	22, 1st par., subpar. 2, and 31.75 of the Act	Issue	\$1,100
	22, 1st par., subpar. 2, and 31.75 of the Act	Issue	\$1,900
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$1,100
- > 379 m <sup>3</sup> , with agreement or transfer out of the Basin	31.81, 2nd par., of the Act	Renewal	\$1,100
	22, 1st par., subpar. 2, and 31.75 of the Act	Issue	\$4,400
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$2,950
	31.81, 2nd par., of the Act	Renewal	\$1,900

<b>Sewer system</b> - Treatment flow less than 250 m <sup>3</sup> per day	22, 1st par., subpar. 3, and 32, 1st par., of the Act	Issue	\$600
- Treatment flow between 250 and 500 m <sup>3</sup> per day	22, 1st par., subpar. 3, and 32, 1st par., subpar. 1, of the Act	Issue	\$1,900
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$1,100
- Treatment flow more than 500 m <sup>3</sup> per day	22, 1st par., subpar. 3, and 32, 1st par., subpar. 1, of the Act	Issue	\$2,950
	30, 1st par. of the Act	Amendment	\$1,900
<b>Water treatment</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 3, of the Act	Issue	\$1,100
<b>Sewer system</b> - Establishment, alteration or extension of a sewer system (other than a treatment facility) that does not have an overflow downstream	22, 1st par., subpar. 3, and 32, 1st par., subpar. 2, of the Act	Issue	\$600
- Establishment, alteration or extension of a sewer system (other than a treatment facility) that has one or more overflows downstream	22, 1st par., subpar. 3, and 32, 1st par., subpar. 2 of the Act	Issue	\$1,900
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$1,100
- Establishment or alteration of a domestic wastewater treatment facility $\leq 20$ m <sup>3</sup> /j	22, 1st par., subpar. 3, and 32, 1st par., subpar. 2, of the Act	Issue	\$600
- Establishment or alteration of a domestic wastewater treatment facility between 20 m <sup>3</sup> /j and 100 m <sup>3</sup> /j	22, 1st par., subpar. 3, and 32, 1st par., subpar. 2, of the Act	Issue	\$1,100
- Establishment or alteration of a domestic wastewater treatment facility $\geq 100$ m <sup>3</sup> /j	22, 1st par., subpar. 3, and 32, 1st par., subpar. 2, of the Act	Issue	\$2,950
	30, 1st par.	Amendment	\$1,900

- Establishment or alteration of a domestic wastewater treatment facility for an unvalidated treatment technology	22, 1st par., subpar. 3, and 32, 1st par., subpar. 2, of the Act	Issue	\$6,650
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$4,400
<b>Wastewater treatment by a device or equipment that is not a sewer system</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 3, of the Act	Issue	\$1,100
<b>Rainwater management system</b>  - Establishment, alteration or extension of a rainwater management system that does not depend on a combined sewer system	22, 1st par., subpar. 3, and 32, 1st par., subpar. 3, of the Act	Issue	\$600
- Establishment, alteration or extension of a rainwater management system that depends on a combined sewer system	22, 1st par., subpar. 3, and 32, 1st par., subpar. 3, of the Act	Issue	\$1,900
	30, 1st par. of the Act	Amendment	\$1,100
- High-risk site	22, 1st par., subpar. 3, and 32, 1st par., subpar. 3, of the Act	Issue	\$600
<b>Wetlands and bodies of water</b>  - Construction or substantial modification of roads	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$1,900
- Construction or substantial modification of a bridge or footbridge without encroachment in the watercourse  - Construction or substantial modification of a culvert	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$1,100
- Construction or substantial modification of a bridge or footbridge with encroachment in the watercourse	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$4,400

- Construction of a natural gas supply or distribution pipeline, power or telecommunications transmission or distribution line or water management or treatment facility referred to in section 32 of the Act	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$1,100
- Construction of a dam, dike or flood protection works	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$4,400
- Reconstruction, substantial modification, dismantlement and repair of a dam, dike or flood protection works	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$1,900
- Construction of a floating quay, open pile quay, or work to add 50 additional places to a quay	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$1,100
- Construction or substantial modification of a cribwork wharf or rockfill	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$2,950
- Dredging work	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$2,950
- Straightening, widening, relocation or channelling of a watercourse or a section of a watercourse	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$1,900
- Laying out of permanent sediment pits	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$1,100
- Laying out or substantial modification of a jetty or breakwater	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$1,900
- Sediment reloading	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$1,100
- Slope stabilization work by means of phytotechnologies	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$1,100
- Slope stabilization work by means of inert materials over a distance of 100 m or less			

- Slope stabilization work by means of inert materials over a distance of more than 100 m  - Reprofiting of slope	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$1,900
- Backfilling of wetlands	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$1,900
- Peat extraction	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$2,950
- Maintenance work on a watercourse or work in a lake to regulate the water level or maintain the lake bed other than those referred to in section 31.0.5.1 of the Act	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$1,900
- Work for the creation, restoration or conservation of wetlands and bodies of water and wildlife development	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$0
<b>General authorization</b>  - Maintenance work on a watercourse or work in a lake to regulate the water level or maintain the lake bed	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act and 31.0.5.1 of the Act	Issue	\$1,900
- Work that a regional county municipality must carry out to restore the normal water flow of a watercourse under section 105 of the Municipal Powers Act (chapter C-47.1);	22, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act and 31.0.5.1 of the Act	Issue	\$0
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$0

<b>Hazardous materials</b> - Possession of a hazardous residual material for a period of more than 24 months	22, 1st par., subpar. 5, and 70.8 of the Act	Issue	\$600
- Operation of a hazardous materials elimination site or service	22, 1st par., subpar. 5, and 70.9, 1st par., subpar. 1, of the Act	Issue	\$4,400
	30, 1st par. of the Act	Amendment	\$2,950
- Operation, for commercial purposes, of a treatment process for hazardous residual materials	22, 1st par., subpar. 5, and 70.9, 1st par., subpar. 2, of the Act	Issue	\$4,400
	30, 1st par. of the Act	Amendment	\$2,950
- Storage of hazardous residual materials, after taking possession of the materials for that purpose	22, 1st par., subpar. 5, and 70.9, 1st par., subpar. 3, of the Act	Issue	\$600
- Use of hazardous residual materials for energy generation, after taking possession of the materials for that purpose	22, 1st par., subpar. 5, and 70.9, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Issue	\$2,950
	30, al.1 of the Act	Amendment	\$1,900
- Transportation of hazardous residual materials to a hazardous materials elimination site	22, 1st par., subpar. 5, and 70.9, 1st par., subpar. 5, of the Act	Issue	\$600
<b>Apparatus and equipment to prevent, abate or stop a release of contaminants into the atmosphere</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 6, of the Act	Issue	\$600

<b>Establishment and operation of a hazardous residual materials facility</b>  - Engineered landfill;  - Construction or demolition waste landfill;  - Facility for the incineration of household garbage or sludge from municipal treatment works, sanitary wastewater treatment works or sewer cleaning.	22, 1st par., subpar. 7, of the Act	Issue	\$4,400
	30, 1st par., subpar. 4 of the Act	Amendment	\$2,950
- Trench landfill	22, 1st par., subpar. 7, of the Act	Issue	\$1,900
	30, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Amendment	\$1,100
- Northern landfill;  - Transfer station of residual materials to be eliminated	22, 1st par., subpar. 7, of the Act	Issue	\$1,100
- Pulp and paper mill residual materials landfill;  - Sawmill residual materials landfill;  - Landfill site for residual materials from a plant manufacturing oriented strand board	22, 1st par., subpar. 7, of the Act	Issue	\$2,950
	30, 1st par., subpar. 4, of the Act	Amendment	\$1,900
<b>Storage and treatment of residual materials for reclamation purposes</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 8, of the Act	Issue	\$600
- Storage/transfer station			
- Any other residual material treatment activity for reclamation purposes	22, 1st par., subpar. 8, of the Act	Issue	\$1,900
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$1,100

<b>Construction on land that was formerly used as a site for the elimination of residual materials and that has been decommissioned or any work intended to change the use of such land</b>  - Project involving a residential, commercial, institutional or industrial building	22, 1st par., subpar. 9, of the Act	Issue	\$2,950
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$1,900

**Fees payable according to the activities subject to an authorization under subparagraph 10 of the first paragraph of section 22 of the Act**

<b>Activities subject to an authorization under subparagraph 10 of the first paragraph of section 22 of the Act</b>	<b>Reference sections</b>	<b>Type of application</b>	<b>Fees payable</b>
<b>Activity other than those referred to in section 22 and in the REAFIE arising from a project covered by the environmental impact assessment and review procedure for which the governmental authorization provides a condition, restriction or prohibition</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 45 of REAFIE	Issue	\$600
<b>Snow elimination site</b> - Capacity < 5000 m <sup>3</sup>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 76 of REAFIE	Issue	\$1,100
- Capacity ≥ 5000 m <sup>3</sup>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 76 of REAFIE	Issue	\$1,900
	30, 1st par. of the Act	Amendment	\$1,100

<b>Mining activities</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 78 of REAFIE	Issue	\$1,900
	30, 1st par. of the Act	Amendment	\$1,100
<b>Hydrocarbons</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 82 of REAFIE	Issue	\$2,950
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$1,900
<b>Sawmills and wood processing plants</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 86 of REAFIE	Issue	\$600
<b>Electricity production</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 94 of REAFIE	Issue	\$1,100
<b>Contaminated soil burial site</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 97 of REAFIE	Issue	\$2,950
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$1,900
<b>Storage, transfer and treatment of contaminated soils</b> - Treatment facility or transfer station	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 99, pars. 1 and 2, of REAFIE	Issue	\$2,950
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$1,900
- Storage site	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 99, par. 3, of REAFIE	Issue	\$600
<b>Treatment on site and reclamation of contaminated soils</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 102 of REAFIE	Issue	\$600
<b>Cemeteries, crematoriums and alkaline hydrolysis establishments</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 107 of REAFIE	Issue	\$600
<b>Sand pits and quarries</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 113 of REAFIE	Issue	\$1,100

<b>Hot mix asphalt plant</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 122 of REAFIE	Issue	\$1,100
<b>Concrete plant</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 125 of REAFIE	Issue	\$1,100
<b>Cultivation of non-aquatic plants or mushrooms</b>  - Cultivation of cannabis in a building or greenhouse	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, 133, par. 1, of REAFIE	Issue	\$0
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$0
- Cultivation of non-aquatic plants or mushrooms in a building or greenhouse where cultivation involves the discharge of wastewater into the environment	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 133, par. 2, of REAFIE	Issue	\$0
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$0
<b>Siting and operation of a raising site</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 140 of REAFIE	Issue	\$0
<b>Increase in the annual production of phosphorous (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) on a raising site, and the subsequent operation of the site</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 148 of REAFIE	Issue	\$0
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$0
<b>Establishment and operation of a facility, equipment or any other apparatus to collect or treat sap for maple syrup production</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 152 of REAFIE	Issue	\$0
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$0
<b>installation, modification or operation of a system to wash fruit or vegetables cultivated by one or more operators on a raising site or spreading site</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 155 of REAFIE	Issue	\$600

<b>Siting and operation of a commercial fishing pond or aquaculture site</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 159 of REAFIE	Issue	\$0
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$0
<b>Operation of any sewer system that includes a treatment device unless the system is a municipal wastewater treatment works referred to in Division III.1 of Chapter IV of Title I of the Act and is not covered by the Regulation respecting waste water disposal systems for isolated dwellings (chapter Q-2, r. 22)</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 202 of REAFIE	Issue	\$600
<b>Overflow of wastewater</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 215 of REAFIE	Issue	\$1,900
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$1,100
<b>Biomedical waste</b>	237 of the Act 237 of REAFIE	Issue	\$600
<b>Storage of road salt and abrasives and treated wood</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 292 of REAFIE	Issue	\$600
<b>Use of pesticides</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 298 of REAFIE	Issue	\$600
<b>Work in connection with works to collect runoff water or direct groundwater, if carried out less than 30 m from an open peat bog.</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 347 of REAFIE	Issue	\$4,400
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$2,950

<b>Construction, widening or straightening of a road less than 60 m from the littoral zone, a pond or an open peat bog, if it runs alongside for a distance of 300 m or more elsewhere than in a forest in the domain of the Statet</b>	22, 1st par., subpar. 10, of the Act 348 of REAFIE	Issue	\$1,900
	30, 1st par., of the Act	Amendment	\$1,100

\* “REAFIE” refers to the Regulation respecting the regulatory scheme applying to activities on the basis of their environmental impact (chapter Q-2, r. 17.1).

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## Draft Regulation

Act mainly to allow the establishment of target-benefit pension plans (2020, chapter 30)

### Measures related to life income funds and voluntary retirement savings plans to reduce the consequences of the public health emergency declared on 13 March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with section 10 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the draft Regulation respecting the measures related to life income funds and voluntary retirement savings plans to reduce the consequences of the public health emergency declared on 13 March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, appearing below, may be submitted to the Government for approval on the expiry of 10 days following this publication.

The temporary measures provided for in the draft Regulation are intended to allow the purchaser of a life income fund under 54 years of age or at least 65 years of age but under 70 years of age on 31 December 2019 or on 31 December 2020 to obtain additional income for 2020 and 2021. An application to that effect must be made according to the most flexible conditions provided for in sections 19.1, 20.3 and 20.4 of the Regulation respecting supplemental pension plans (chapter R-15.1, r. 6). New factors related to a purchaser at least 65 years of age, but under 70 years of age, are also prescribed, for the purposes of Schedule 0.7 to the Regulation.

In addition, the six-month period provided for in the Voluntary Retirement Savings Plans Act (chapter R-17.0.1) to transmit to Retraite Québec the annual statement accompanied by the prescribed fees and cause to be prepared the financial report of the plan that becomes due after 12 March 2020, but before 1 January 2021, has been extended by three months.

The draft Regulation has no financial impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses. The easing measures provided for therein apply for a limited period. They do not require any changes to the systems of life income fund administrators and have no impact for administrators of voluntary retirement savings plans.

Under the second and third paragraphs of section 97 of the Act mainly to allow the establishment of target-benefit pension plans (2020, chapter 30), the draft Regulation may be published within a shorter period than the 45 day-period provided for in section 11 of the Regulations Act, but not shorter than 10 days. In addition, the measures provided for in the draft Regulation are not subject to the requirement of section 17 of the Regulations Act as regards its date of coming into force and could take effect as of 13 March 2020.

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