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An Act to amend mainly the Food Products Act

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Act amends the Food Products Act in order to, among other things, update the permit scheme. To that end, it redefines the categories of permits, extends the period of validity of permits, and modifies certain terms and conditions applicable to their issue, renewal, suspension or cancellation. The Act provides that the registration of a permit holder's vehicle, where applicable, as well as the products and categories of products prepared by the permit holder are public information. It also provides that no person has a right of access to the address of the establishment or premises or, where applicable, the registration of the vehicle of a person who offers accommodation or assistance services to persons who are victims of violence and of a person composed of persons or groups of persons offering such services.

The Act also modifies the registration scheme by requiring operators who keep products or categories of products determined by regulation to register before their operations begin. It provides that an operator's name and certain other information relating to an establishment, premises or a vehicle for which such registration is required are public information. In addition, it sets out the terms and conditions for suspending or revoking a registration.

The Act excludes edible cannabis products from the definition of "food", and withdraws certain provisions relating to the dairy product sector.

The Act gives the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food new powers, including the power to accept, from a non-compliant person, a voluntary undertaking to modify the operator's practices. In addition, it authorizes the Minister to implement pilot projects aimed at enabling innovation with respect to food or aimed at studying, improving or defining standards applicable to food, and determines how they are to be implemented.

In addition, the Government is given new regulatory powers, including the power to require that certain operations be performed by operators in accordance with a control plan and the power to determine the information that the owner, custodian or possessor of animals intended for human consumption must provide and retain.

New inspection powers are granted, new powers of investigation are introduced, and the amounts of the fines are increased.

Lastly, the Act repeals the Act to regularize and provide for the development of local slaughterhouses and contains consequential amendments and a transitional provision.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

- Act respecting the marketing of marine products (chapter C-32.1);
- Act respecting administrative justice (chapter J-3);
- Act respecting the marketing of agricultural, food and fish products (chapter M-35.1);
- Food Products Act (chapter P-29);
- The Marine Products Processing Act (chapter T-11.01).

LEGISLATION REPEALED BY THIS ACT:

- Act to regularize and provide for the development of local slaughterhouses (chapter R-19.1).

REGULATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

- Commercial Aquaculture Regulation (chapter A-20.2, r. 1).

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AN ACT TO AMEND MAINLY THE FOOD PRODUCTS ACT

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

FOOD PRODUCTS ACT

1. The heading of Division I of the Food Products Act (chapter P-29) is amended by replacing “DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATION” by “GENERAL PROVISIONS”.

2. Section 1 of the Act is amended, in the first paragraph,

(1) by replacing “other than alcoholic beverages within the meaning of the Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec (chapter S-13)” in subparagraph *b* by “, except alcoholic beverages within the meaning of the Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec (chapter S-13) and edible cannabis products within the meaning of the Cannabis Regulation Act (chapter C-5.3)”;

(2) by striking out subparagraphs *c.1*, *c.2* and *j.1*.

3. The Act is amended by striking out the following before section 3:

“DIVISION II

“GENERAL PROVISIONS”.

4. Section 3.1 of the Act is amended

(1) by striking out “a packing-house,” and “packing-house,” in the first paragraph;

(2) by replacing “any plant layout or design” in the second paragraph by “any condition, layout or design of the facilities”.

5. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 3.3:

“3.3.1. The Government may, by regulation, determine the operations that the operator referred to in section 3.1 must perform in accordance with a control plan, and determine the applicable terms and conditions. The regulation may also determine the obligations to which the operator is subject.

The Government may, on the conditions and in accordance with the terms prescribed by regulation, recognize certifications to stand in lieu of a control plan.

For the purposes of this section, “control plan” means a written description of the manner in which the risks and dangers relating to the operation or the products are identified and controlled by the operator.”

6. Section 7 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

“**7.** The Government may prescribe the conditions respecting the origin of any product kept or used by the operator or user of an establishment, premises or a vehicle or by any other person carrying on an activity referred to in section 8 or 9 or by a retailer or restaurateur whose activities are not otherwise referred to in either of those sections, and prohibit, except in the cases it determines, the keeping or use of any product that does not meet those conditions or comply with the stamp regulations.”

7. Sections 7.3, 7.4 and 7.6 of the Act are repealed.

8. The heading of Division III of the Act is amended by replacing “REGISTRATION AND PERMITS” by “AUTHORIZATION SCHEME”.

9. Sections 8 to 8.2 of the Act are replaced by the following sections:

“**8.** The operator of an establishment, premises or a vehicle where products or categories of products determined by government regulation are kept must, before his operations begin, register with the Minister on the conditions and in accordance with the terms prescribed by regulation.

The name of the operator and the address of the establishment or premises or, where applicable, the registration of the vehicle as well as the products or categories of products kept referred to in the first paragraph are public information for the purposes of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1).

“**8.1.** The Minister shall register the operator on receiving a declaration whose form and content comply with the provisions determined by government regulation.

“**8.2.** The Minister may suspend or revoke the registration of an operator who contravenes a provision of this Act or a regulation under this Act.

The Minister, before suspending or revoking an operator’s registration, must notify the operator in writing as prescribed by section 5 of the Act respecting administrative justice (chapter J-3) and allow the operator at least 10 days to

present observations. The Minister must also notify the decision in writing, with reasons, to an operator whose registration the Minister suspends or revokes.

“8.3. Any person whose registration is suspended or revoked may contest the decision of the Minister before the Administrative Tribunal of Québec within 30 days of notification of the decision.”

10. Section 9 of the Act, amended by section 3 of chapter 53 of the statutes of 1983, section 5 of chapter 80 of the statutes of 1990, section 2 of chapter 50 of the statutes of 1996, section 13 of chapter 26 of the statutes of 2000 and section 30 of chapter 10 of the statutes of 2009, is replaced by the following section:

“9. No person shall, without holding a permit in force,

(a) operate a slaughterhouse;

(b) operate a local slaughterhouse;

(c) operate an establishment where marine products intended for human consumption are prepared for the purposes of sale at wholesale by the operator or by the person retaining his services for remuneration;

(d) operate an establishment, premises or a vehicle where products intended for human consumption other than marine products prepared for the purposes referred to in subparagraph *c* are prepared for the purposes of sale or for the furnishing of services for remuneration; or

(e) salvage inedible meat or operate a plant for dismembering animals.

The permit required under subparagraph *d* of the first paragraph is also required if the activity is carried out by an operator of a teaching establishment, by any establishment governed by the Act respecting health services and social services (chapter S-4.2), the Act respecting health services and social services for Cree Native persons (chapter S-5) or the Act respecting the Québec correctional system (chapter S-40.1) or by the Government or government departments and bodies where they act as a restaurateur, even in the absence of remuneration.”

11. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 9:

“9.1. The registration of the vehicle, if applicable, as well as the products or categories of products prepared by the holder of a permit are public information for the purposes of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1).”

12. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 9.1:

“9.2. Despite section 9 of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1), no person has a right of access to the address of the establishment or premises or, where applicable, the registration of the vehicle of a person who offers accommodation or assistance services to persons who are victims of violence and of a person composed of persons or groups of persons offering such services.”

13. Section 10 of the Act is amended by replacing the third, fourth and fifth paragraphs by the following paragraphs:

“The Minister may, where the public interest warrants it, refuse to issue a permit.

For the purposes of the third paragraph, in addition to hygiene and sanitation factors, the Minister may take into account, in the case of a permit required under subparagraph *c* of the first paragraph of section 9, socio-economic factors, including the sources of supply, the rationalization, stabilization or viability of the industry, technological innovations, regional development, marketing conditions or public investment.”

14. Section 11 of the Act is replaced by the following sections:

“11. The period of validity of a permit is three years. The permit may be renewed on the conditions determined by government regulation.

A permit may, however, be issued for a shorter period if the Minister is of the opinion that the public interest warrants it or in the cases prescribed by government regulation.

Where the Minister’s decision pertains to a permit required under subparagraph *c* of the first paragraph of section 9, the Minister may take into account the socio-economic factors referred to in the fourth paragraph of section 10 to limit the permit’s period of validity.

“11.0.1. The permit holder must pay the annual fees fixed by government regulation before the anniversary date of the issue of his permit.

“11.0.2. The Minister may, if the public interest warrants it, impose conditions, restrictions or prohibitions that the Minister specifies on the permit the Minister issues.

The Minister may also, regarding a permit already issued, impose new conditions, restrictions or prohibitions or modify those indicated on the permit if the public interest warrants it.

In the case of a permit required under subparagraph *c* of the first paragraph of section 9, the Minister may, for the purposes of this section, take into account the socio-economic factors referred to in the fourth paragraph of section 10.”

15. Section 11.1 of the Act is amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(a) by inserting “of a regulation made under the first paragraph of section 3.3.1,” after “disregard a provision”;

(b) by replacing “*c.3*,” by “*c.4, c.6 and c.7*,”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“The Minister shall publish annually, on the department’s website, a list containing the number of authorizations granted under the first paragraph and the legislative or regulatory provisions the holders of the authorizations were authorized to disregard.”

16. Section 13 of the Act is amended by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

“A permit must be posted in the places and in accordance with the terms and conditions that the Government may determine by regulation.”

17. Section 14 of the Act is amended by replacing “a permit, stating the reasons for his refusal” by “a permit or the holder of a permit regarding which he modifies the conditions, restrictions or prohibitions, stating the reasons for the refusal or modifications”.

18. Section 15 of the Act is amended, in the first paragraph,

(1) by inserting the following subparagraph before subparagraph *a*:

“(0.*a*) who obtained his permit or renewal through misrepresentation;”;

(2) by replacing “or restriction” in subparagraph *b.1* by “, restriction or prohibition”;

(3) by replacing subparagraph *b.2* by the following subparagraphs:

“(*b.2*) who fails to comply with a provision of this Act or a regulation under this Act;

“(*b.3*) who fails to comply with a voluntary undertaking made under section 39.1; or”.

19. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 15:

“15.1. The Minister may, before suspending, cancelling or refusing to renew a holder’s permit, order the holder to take the necessary corrective action within the time fixed by the Minister.”

20. The heading of Division V of the Act is amended by replacing “INSPECTIONS AND SEIZURES” by “INSPECTION, SEIZURE AND INVESTIGATION”.

21. Section 33 of the Act is amended

(1) by striking out “a packing-house or” in the introductory clause;

(2) by inserting “intended for or” after the second occurrence of “animals” in the introductory clause;

(3) by striking out “packing-house,” in paragraph 1;

(4) by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 1:

“(1.1) require the suspension or restriction, during the inspection, of any activity or any operation to which this Act applies;”;

(5) by striking out “packing-house,” in paragraph 2;

(6) by inserting the following paragraphs after paragraph 3:

“(3.1) order, restrict or prohibit the moving of any product, animal or other object;

“(3.2) prohibit or limit access to the establishment, premises or vehicle or to any equipment, material, apparatus, product, animal or other object found there and to which this Act applies;

“(3.3) conduct tests on any equipment, material, apparatus or other object to which this Act applies;”;

(7) in paragraph 4,

(a) by inserting “or make recordings” after “photographs”;

(b) by striking out “packing-house,”.

22. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 33.9:

“33.9.0.1. An authorized person may, for a maximum period of 10 days, order the operator of a slaughterhouse to cease slaughtering the animals, or impose the conditions the authorized person determines with regard to the treatment or slaughter of the animals or to the operations, if the authorized person has reasonable grounds to believe that

(1) the operations are not being performed in compliance with the standards determined under paragraph *a.2* of section 40 or with the provisions of the Animal Welfare and Safety Act (chapter B-3.1) or a regulation made under that Act; or

(2) the condition, layout or design of the facilities or the performance of the operations are likely to affect the wholesomeness of the products or the cleanliness of the premises.

The order shall state the grounds for the authorized person’s decision.

The order takes effect when a written statement of the order is given to the operator or a responsible person upon notification to either of those persons.”

23. Section 33.9.1 of the Act is amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(a) by replacing “five” by “10”;

(b) by striking out “a packing-house,”;

(2) by striking out “packing-house,” in the third paragraph.

24. Section 33.9.2 of the Act is amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(a) by replacing “five” by “10”;

(b) by striking out “a packing-house,” and “packing-house,”;

(2) by striking out “packing-house,” in the third paragraph.

25. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 33.10:

“33.10.1. The powers to issue orders under sections 33.9.1, 33.9.2 and 33.10 do not apply in respect of a place where animals intended for human consumption are found.”

26. Section 33.12 of the Act is amended by replacing “33.9.1” by “33.9.0.1”.

27. Section 34 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

“34. The Minister may fix the operating hours

(1) of a slaughterhouse referred to in subparagraph *a* or *b* of the first paragraph of section 9;

(2) of an establishment, premises or a vehicle operated under a permit required under subparagraph *d* of the first paragraph of section 9, whose operations are the subject of permanent inspection and where meat or meat products intended for human consumption are prepared for purposes of sale; and

(3) of a plant for dismembering animals operated under a permit required under subparagraph *e* of the first paragraph of section 9.”

28. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 35:

“35.1. The Minister may appoint investigators to investigate any matter relating to the application of this Act and the regulations.”

29. Section 36 of the Act is amended

(1) by striking out the first paragraph;

(2) by replacing “Such person must on request, identify himself” in the second paragraph by “The authorized person or the investigator must, on request, provide identification”.

30. Section 39 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “and authorized persons” by “, authorized persons and investigators”;

(2) by inserting “or omitted” after “performed”.

31. The Act is amended by inserting the following division after section 39:

“DIVISION V.1

“VOLUNTARY UNDERTAKING

“39.1. If a provision of this Act or the regulations is not complied with, the Minister may accept a voluntary undertaking from a person to modify the person’s practices or behaviours.

The undertaking must describe the measures that are to be put in place and the control and follow-up measures that have been accepted by the Minister.”

32. Section 40 of the Act is amended

(1) in paragraph *a.1*,

(*a*) by inserting “, operation” after “location”;

(*b*) by striking out “or packing-houses”;

(2) by inserting “or level” after “use” in paragraph *b*;

(3) by inserting “destination,” after “use,” in paragraph *c*;

(4) by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph *c.3*:

“(c.4) prescribe any other sanitary inspection of animals or animal carcasses intended for human consumption than that required under paragraph *c.3*.”;

(5) by replacing paragraph *c.5* by the following paragraphs:

“(c.5) allow an authorized person to enter, at any reasonable time, an establishment, premises or a vehicle where animals can be found which are intended or whose products are intended for human consumption or where carcasses intended for human consumption can be found, to inspect the animals and carcasses and take free samples, to seize or confiscate the animals and carcasses and their products which are, or are suspected on reasonable grounds of being, unfit for human consumption or inedible, and to prescribe rules respecting the seizure, destination or disposal of the animals, carcasses or products;

“(c.6) determine the information that the owner or custodian of animals intended for human consumption must furnish and retain, in particular information concerning the animals’ state of health and their identification, determine the information that the possessor of animal carcasses intended for such consumption must also furnish and retain, and determine all the terms and conditions relating to that information, such as those concerning its form and the category of animals to which it applies;

“(c.7) determine the rules respecting bringing animals or animal carcasses intended for human consumption into a slaughterhouse referred to in subparagraph *a* or *b* of the first paragraph of section 9 or into an establishment, premises or a vehicle operated under a permit required under subparagraph *d* of the first paragraph of that section, whose operations are the subject of permanent inspection and where meat or meat products intended for human consumption are prepared for purposes of sale.”;

(6) by striking out “packing-house,” in paragraph *e.2*;

(7) by striking out “a packing-house,” in paragraphs *e.4* and *e.5*;

(8) by replacing “the monitoring of the processes involved in food” in paragraph *e.5.1* by “control of the processes involved in food preparation, as well as the content of the examinations referred to in paragraph *e.6*”;

(9) by replacing “person holding a tester’s permit” in paragraph *e.5.2* by “tester”;

(10) by inserting “and fix the examination fees” at the end of paragraph *e.6*;

(11) by replacing “by an applicant or holder, the books or registers to be kept and retained by the applicant or holder” and “12 months” in paragraph *f* by “, kept and retained by an applicant or holder and the other obligations the holder must comply with” and “three years”, respectively;

(12) by replacing paragraph *g* by the following paragraph:

“(g) determine the categories or subcategories of permits and the conditions, restrictions and prohibitions attaching to each such category or subcategory;”;

(13) by replacing “the holder of a tester’s permit” in paragraph *m.1* by “a tester”.

33. Section 42 of the Act is amended by replacing “\$250 to \$2,000 and, for any subsequent contravention, to a fine of \$750 to \$6,000” by “\$500 to \$5,000”.

34. Section 43 of the Act is amended by replacing “\$250 to \$3,000 and, for any subsequent contravention, to a fine of \$750 to \$9,000” by “\$1,000 to \$10,000”.

35. Section 44 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “\$500 to \$3,000 and, for any subsequent contravention, to a fine of \$1,500 to \$9,000” in the introductory clause by “\$1,000 to \$10,000”;

(2) by replacing “or a provision of section 4.1 or of sections 8 to 8.2” in paragraph 1 by “a provision of section 4.1 or a provision of section 8 or of a regulation under that section”;

(3) by striking out paragraph 2;

(4) by inserting “a regulation under” after “provision of” in paragraph 3.

36. Section 45 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “\$1,000 to \$6,000 and, for any subsequent contravention, to a fine of \$3,000 to \$18,000” in the introductory clause by “\$2,500 to \$25,000”;

- (2) by replacing “36” in paragraph 1 by “35”;
- (3) by replacing “or restriction” in paragraph 2 by “, restriction or prohibition”;
- (4) by replacing “to section 10 or 11” in paragraph 2 by “to section 11.0.2”;
- (5) by replacing “or restrictions” in subparagraph *c* of paragraph 5 by “, restrictions or prohibitions”;
- (6) by inserting “or subcategory” after “category” in subparagraph *c* of paragraph 5;
- (7) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“The following are also liable to the fine prescribed by the first paragraph:

- (1) every person who, in any way hinders or attempts to hinder the work of an authorized person or an investigator in the exercise of his functions, in particular by misleading or attempting to mislead him, by molesting, intimidating, impeding or insulting him, or, in the case of an authorized person, by refusing or neglecting to obey an order he is authorized to issue under this Act or the regulations; and
- (2) every person who operates an establishment, premises or a vehicle while the person’s registration is suspended or revoked under section 8.2.”

37. Section 45.1 of the Act is amended

- (1) by replacing “\$2,000 to \$15,000 and, for any subsequent contravention, to a fine of \$6,000 to \$45,000” in the introductory clause by “\$5,000 to \$50,000”;
- (2) by striking out paragraph 4;
- (3) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph *d* of paragraph 6:

“(d.1) paragraph *c.4, c.6 or c.7*.”.

38. Section 45.1.1 of the Act is amended

- (1) by replacing “\$750 to \$2,000 and, for a subsequent contravention, to a fine of \$2,250 to \$6,000” in the first paragraph by “\$1,000 to \$10,000”;
- (2) in the second paragraph,
 - (a) by replacing “health hazard” by “health risk”;

(b) by replacing “\$2,000 to \$15,000, and \$6,000 to \$45,000 for a subsequent conviction” by “\$2,500 to \$25,000”.

39. Section 45.1.2 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “\$750 to \$2,000 and, for a subsequent contravention, to a fine of \$2,250 to \$6,000” in the first paragraph by “\$1,000 to \$10,000”;

(2) by replacing “\$2,000 to \$15,000, and \$6,000 to \$45,000 for a subsequent conviction” in the second paragraph by “\$2,500 to \$25,000”.

40. Section 45.2 of the Act is amended

(1) by striking out “subparagraph *a* or *a.1* of the first paragraph of” and “an order under any of sections 33.9.1 to 33.11.1.”;

(2) by replacing “\$5,000 to \$15,000 and, for any subsequent contravention, to a fine of \$15,000 to \$45,000” by “\$5,000 to \$50,000”.

41. Section 45.3 of the Act is amended

(1) by inserting “contravenes an order under a provision of this Act or” after “Every person who”;

(2) by replacing “\$5,000 to \$15,000 and, for any subsequent contravention, to a fine of \$15,000 to \$45,000” by “\$10,000 to \$100,000”.

42. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 45.3:

“45.4. The minimum and maximum fines prescribed by this Act are doubled for a second offence and tripled for any subsequent offence.”

43. Section 46 of the Act is amended

(1) by inserting “a provision of a regulation under the first paragraph of section 3.3.1,” after “uncertain.”;

(2) by replacing “section 9” by “section 8, 9”;

(3) by replacing “a packing-house, establishment, premises or vehicle” by “an establishment, premises or a vehicle”;

(4) by inserting “registration is suspended or revoked under section 8.2 or its” after “while its”;

(5) by replacing “33.9.1” by “33.9.0.1”;

(6) by replacing “or restrictions” by “, restrictions or prohibitions”;

(7) by replacing “or 45.3” by “, 45.3 or 45.4”.

44. Section 46.1 of the Act is amended

(1) by adding the following paragraphs at the end:

“(4) the duration of the offence;

“(5) the repetitive nature of the offence;

“(6) the foreseeable character of the offence or the failure to follow recommendations or warnings to prevent it;

“(7) the condition of the establishment, premises or vehicle where or in which the product is kept;

“(8) whether the offender acted intentionally or was reckless or negligent; and

“(9) the offender’s failure to take reasonable measures to prevent the commission of the offence or mitigate its effects despite the offender’s financial ability to do so, given such considerations as the size of the offender’s undertaking and the offender’s assets, turnover and revenues.”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“A judge who, despite the presence of an aggravating factor, decides to impose the minimum fine must give reasons for the decision.”

45. The heading of Division VIII of the Act is amended by replacing “FINAL” by “MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL”.

46. The Act is amended by inserting the following section before section 57:

“56.1.1. The Minister may, by order, authorize the implementation of pilot projects aimed at enabling innovation with respect to food or concerning the disposal of inedible meats, or aimed at studying, improving or defining standards applicable to those matters. The Minister shall determine the standards and obligations applicable to a pilot project, which may differ from those prescribed by this Act and the regulations. The Minister shall take local and regional development, among other things, into consideration in developing a pilot project. The Minister may, as part of a pilot project, authorize any person to carry on an activity governed by this Act in compliance with the standards and rules prescribed by the Minister.

A pilot project is conducted for a period of up to four years, which the Minister may, if he considers it necessary, extend by up to one year. The Minister may modify or terminate a pilot project at any time. The Minister may also determine the provisions of a pilot project whose violation is an offence and determine the amount for which the offender is liable, which may not be less than \$250 or more than \$5,000.

The publication requirement set out in section 8 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1) does not apply to an order made under this section.

The results of a pilot project must be published on the department's website not later than one year after the end of the project."

47. The Act is amended by striking out all occurrences of "packing-house", with the necessary modifications.

ACT RESPECTING THE MARKETING OF MARINE PRODUCTS

48. The Act respecting the marketing of marine products (chapter C-32.1) is amended as follows:

(1) by replacing "a processing factory or a packing-house of" in section 3 by "an establishment for processing";

(2) by striking out "or packing" in the first paragraph of section 59.

ACT RESPECTING ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE

49. Schedule IV to the Act respecting administrative justice (chapter J-3) is amended by replacing "section 17 of the Food Products Act" in paragraph 15 by "sections 8.3 and 17 of the Food Products Act".

ACT RESPECTING THE MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL, FOOD AND FISH PRODUCTS

50. Section 43.1 of the Act respecting the marketing of agricultural, food and fish products (chapter M-35.1) is repealed.

ACT TO REGULARIZE AND PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL SLAUGHTERHOUSES

51. The Act to regularize and provide for the development of local slaughterhouses (chapter R-19.1) is repealed.

THE MARINE PRODUCTS PROCESSING ACT

52. Section 2 of the Marine Products Processing Act (chapter T-11.01) is amended by striking out "or canned".

53. Section 3 of the Act is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

“For the purposes of this Act, every person who operates an establishment where marine products intended for human consumption are prepared for the purposes of sale at wholesale by the operator or by the person retaining his services for remuneration and who holds a permit required under subparagraph *c* of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Food Products Act (chapter P-29) is an operator.”

54. Sections 12 and 46 of the Act are amended by striking out “or canning”.

COMMERCIAL AQUACULTURE REGULATION

55. Section 35 of the Commercial Aquaculture Regulation (chapter A-20.2, r. 1) is amended, in the first paragraph,

(1) by replacing “subparagraph *c* or *d*” in subparagraph 2 by “subparagraph *e*”;

(2) by replacing “to operate a marine or fresh water product processing factory or packing-house issued under subparagraph *e* or *f*” in subparagraph 4 by “issued under subparagraph *c* or *d*”.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

56. Until the coming into force of section 10, paragraph *c.7* of section 40 of the Food Products Act (chapter P-29), enacted by paragraph 5 of section 32, is to be read as if “subparagraph *a* or *b*” and “subparagraph *d*” were replaced by “subparagraph *a* or *a.1*” and “subparagraph *b*”, respectively.

57. Until the coming into force of section 51, a pilot project authorized by the Minister under section 56.1.1 of the Food Products Act, enacted by section 46, may also contain standards and obligations that differ from those set out in the Act to regularize and provide for the development of local slaughterhouses (chapter R-19.1). The Minister may also, under such a pilot project, authorize any person to carry on an activity governed by that Act according to the standards and rules prescribed by the Minister.

58. This Act comes into force on 6 October 2021, except paragraph 2 of section 2, paragraph 1 of section 4, sections 6, 9 to 11, 13, 14, 16 and 17, paragraph 2 of section 18, paragraphs 1, 3 and 5 and subparagraph *b* of paragraph 7 of section 21, subparagraph *b* of paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 of section 23, subparagraph *b* of paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 of section 24, section 27, subparagraph *b* of paragraph 1 and paragraphs 6, 7, 9 and 11 to 13 of section 32, paragraphs 2 and 4 of section 35, paragraphs 3 to 7 of section 36, paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 6 of section 43 and sections 47 to 55, which come into force on the date or dates to be determined by the Government.

