# **Regulations and other Acts**

Gouvernement du Québec

## O.C. 843-2024, 15 May 2024

Designation of foreign States where the rules and practices relating to surrogacy meet the requirements prescribed by article 541.31 of the Civil Code

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of article 541.31 of the Civil Code, as enacted by section 20 of the Act to reform family law with regard to filiation and to protect children born as a result of sexual assault and the victims of that assault as well as the rights of surrogates and of children born of a surrogacy project (2023, chapter 13), a parental project involving surrogacy may be carried out only if the woman or the person who has agreed to give birth to the child is domiciled in a foreign State designated by the Government;

WHEREAS, under the second paragraph of article 541.31 of the Civil Code, as enacted by section 20 of the Act to reform family law with regard to filiation and to protect children born as a result of sexual assault and the victims of that assault as well as the rights of surrogates and of children born of a surrogacy project, the Government may only designate a foreign State where the rules and practices relating to surrogacy are not contrary to public order and respect the interest of the child once born, including the child's safety and integrity, as well as the safety and integrity of the other persons involved in a surrogacy project, and the Government may also take into account any other criteria it considers appropriate;

WHEREAS it is expedient to designate Alberta, British Columbia, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan as foreign States where the rules and practices relating to surrogacy are not contrary to public order and respect the interest of the child once born, including the child's safety and integrity, as well as the safety and integrity of the other persons involved in a surrogacy project, and where the rules in this matter are similar to those of Québec;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Health, the Minister Responsible for Social Services and the Minister Responsible for Canadian Relations and the Canadian Francophonie:

THAT Alberta, British Columbia, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan be designated as foreign States where the rules and practices relating to surrogacy are not contrary to public order and respect the interest of the child once born, including the child's safety and integrity, as well as the safety and integrity of the other persons involved in a surrogacy project, and where the rules in this matter are similar to those of Québec;

THAT 6 June 2024 be set as the date of coming into force of that designation.

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Gouvernement du Québec

### O.C. 848-2024, 15 May 2024

Building Act (chapter B-1.1)

#### **Construction Code**

### Regulation —Amendment

Regulation to amend the Construction Code and the Regulation respecting the application of the Building Act

WHEREAS, under the first and second paragraphs of section 173 of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1), the Régie du bâtiment du Québec is to adopt by regulation a building code containing building standards for buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building and petroleum equipment installations or their vicinity;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 1 of the third paragraph of section 173 of the Act, the code may contain building standards regarding the design and procedures for the construction of buildings, facilities intended for use by the public, installations independent of a building or petroleum equipment installations;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 2 of the third paragraph of section 173 of the Act, the code may contain building standards regarding fire and accident prevention and protection;