

**M.O., 2025****Order 2025-0003 of the Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks dated 25 February 2025**

Environment Quality Act  
(chapter Q-2)

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting afforestation and reforestation projects eligible for the issuance of offset credits on privately-owned land

THE MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE, WILDLIFE AND PARKS,

CONSIDERING section 46.5 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2), which provides that a cap-and-trade system is established to contribute to the achievement of the greenhouse gas reduction or limitation targets set under section 46.4 and mitigate the cost of reducing or limiting greenhouse gas emissions;

CONSIDERING subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 46.8 of the Act, which authorizes the Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, subject to the conditions determined by regulation of the Government, to grant offset credits in particular to any person or municipality having carried out, in whole or in part, in accordance with the regulation made under section 46.8.2 of the Act, a project eligible for such credits that has resulted in a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;

CONSIDERING section 46.8.2 of the Act, which provides that the Minister may, by regulation, determine the projects that are eligible for offset credits, the conditions and methods applicable to those projects, and the information or documents that must be kept or provided to the Minister by the person or municipality responsible for carrying out the project;

CONSIDERING the publication in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 13 November 2024, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), of a draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting afforestation and reforestation projects eligible for the issuance of offset credits on privately-owned land, with a notice that it could be made by the Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

CONSIDERING that the comments received during the consultation have been taken into account but that it is not expedient to amend the draft Regulation;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to make the Regulation without amendment;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting afforestation and reforestation projects eligible for the issuance of offset credits on privately-owned land, attached to this Order, is hereby made.

Québec, 25 February 2025

BENOIT CHARETTE

*Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks*

**Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting afforestation and reforestation projects eligible for the issuance of offset credits on privately-owned land**

Environment Quality Act  
(chapter Q-2, s. 46.8.2).

**1.** The Regulation respecting afforestation and reforestation projects eligible for the issuance of offset credits on privately-owned land (chapter Q-2, r. 35.3.1) is amended in section 87 by adding the following:

“Despite the first paragraph, if no member of the order is available to exercise the function of verifier when a promoter wants to entrust the verification of a project plan and project report to a verification organization in accordance with section 85, that organization may designate a person who is not a member of the order to act as verifier, provided the organization also designates, when the verification team is created, a member of that order who will act as the team leader.

In the case provided for in the second paragraph, the leader of the verification team must attest, in a document attached to the verification report of a project plan and project report, that

(1) the team leader participated in all steps of the verification;

(2) the team leader examined all data and documents pertaining to the forestry-related aspects of the project;

(3) the team leader issued an opinion on the compliance of the project; and

(4) the notice of compliance was taken into consideration in the project verification notice given to the promoter.

The notice of compliance referred to in subparagraph 4 of the second paragraph must be attached to the verification report of a project plan and project report.”

**2.** Section 90 is amended by adding the following at the end:

“All verifications referred to in sections 93 to 99 must be carried out in accordance with the Forest Engineers Act (chapter I-10).”

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

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