

chapter P-9.3

PESTICIDES ACT

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CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1. In this Act, “pesticide” means any substance, matter or microorganism intended to directly or indirectly control, destroy, mitigate, attract or repel any organism that is injurious to or noxious or troublesome for humans, animal life, vegetation, crops or any other object, or intended for use as a plant growth regulator, except a vaccine or a medication other than a topical medication for animals.

A pesticide includes any pest control product registered under the Pest Control Products Act (S.C. 2020, c. 28) as well as any seed coated with such a product.

1987, c. 29, s. 1; 1993, c. 77, s. 1; 2022, c. 8, s. 48.

2. This Act also applies to waste consisting in whole or in part of pesticides or contaminated by pesticides.

1987, c. 29, s. 2; 2022, c. 8, s. 49.

3. For the purposes of this Act, a partnership is considered to be a person.

1987, c. 29, s. 3.

4. This Act neither affects nor limits the application of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2) in respect of pesticides or waste consisting in whole or in part of pesticides or contaminated by pesticides.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the discharge of a pesticide into the environment is not prohibited within the meaning of the second paragraph of section 20 of the Environment Quality Act if it results from an activity carried out in accordance with this Act or the regulations or orders of the Minister made under this Act, unless the risk of harmful effects, damage or impairment referred to in that section is unreasonable.

1987, c. 29, s. 4; 2022, c. 8, s. 50.

5. The rights and obligations arising from the application of this Act prevail over those arising from the application of the Sustainable Forest Development Act (chapter A-18.1) and over any inconsistent provision of a plan or program devised pursuant to that Act.

1987, c. 29, s. 5; 2010, c. 3, s. 322.

6. This Act is binding on the Government and government departments and agencies that are mandataries of the State.

1987, c. 29, s. 6; 1999, c. 40, s. 211.

7. Nothing in this Act affects the rights and prerogatives of the members of a professional order governed by the Professional Code (chapter C-26).

1987, c. 29, s. 7; 1994, c. 40, s. 457.

CHAPTER II

GENERAL DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE MINISTER

8. The Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks shall devise and propose to the Government programs fostering a decrease in and the rationalization of the use of pesticides; he shall direct and coordinate the implementation thereof.

The objects of the programs shall be

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(1) to promote the analysis, assessment and control of the effects of the use of pesticides on humans and other living species as well as on the environment and on property;

(2) to contribute to the development of alternatives to the use of pesticides, such as biological or integrated pest control, and to promote the use of such alternatives.

1987, c. 29, s. 8; 1994, c. 17, s. 75; 1999, c. 36, s. 158; 2006, c. 3, s. 35.

9. In the exercise of his duties and for the administration of this Act, the Minister may

(1) coordinate research carried out by government departments and agencies on environmental problems related to the use of pesticides;

(2) carry out or commission research, studies, inquiries or analyses pertaining to the effects of the use of pesticides on the quality of the environment and on human health and, generally, on any topic relating to pesticides and alternatives to their use;

(3) devise, foster and ensure the implementation of plans and programs to train specialists, educate and inform the public and promote awareness in the field of pesticides;

(3.1) prescribe and recognize the examinations and training necessary for the issue or renewal of a permit or certificate;

(4) compile, analyze and publish available statistical data relating to pesticides;

(5) make, according to law, any agreement with any government, government agency or other person to facilitate the carrying out of this Act.

1987, c. 29, s. 9; 2022, c. 8, s. 51.

CHAPTER III

PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL ACTIVITIES RELATING TO PESTICIDES

DIVISION I

SCOPE

10. This chapter applies to all activities relating to the distribution, sale, manufacture, acquisition outside Québec, possession, storage, transportation or use of any pesticide, pesticide container or equipment used for any such activities.

It also applies to the management of waste consisting in whole or in part of pesticides or contaminated by pesticides.

1987, c. 29, s. 10; 2022, c. 8, s. 52.

DIVISION II

PESTICIDES MANAGEMENT CODE

11. The object of the Pesticides Management Code (chapter P-9.3, r. 1) is to regulate and control the activities referred to in section 10 so as to prevent or mitigate harmful effects on the health of humans and other living species, as well as damage to the environment or to property.

1987, c. 29, s. 11.

12. Every person who performs any activities referred to in section 10 shall comply with the Pesticides Management Code (chapter P-9.3, r. 1).

1987, c. 29, s. 12.

DIVISION III

PREVENTIVE AND CORRECTIVE MEASURES

§ 1. — Orders

13. The Minister may issue an order requiring a person who is about to carry on or is carrying on activities contemplated in section 10 to comply with the Pesticides Management Code (chapter P-9.3, r. 1) and fix a time limit therefor.

He may, in addition, indicate to the person the measures to be taken to comply with the order.

1987, c. 29, s. 13.

14. The Minister may issue an order requiring a person who is about to carry on, is carrying on or has carried on an activity contemplated in section 10 to take the measures he indicates within the time he determines, if he is of the opinion that such measures will make it possible to avoid or mitigate harmful effects on the health of humans or of other living species or damage to the environment or to property.

The order may, in particular, restrict or prohibit access to or compel closure or evacuation of the place or part thereof where the activity is carried on. The place cannot be reopened nor access allowed to it except by order of the Minister.

1987, c. 29, s. 14.

15. Where the Minister considers that an activity contemplated in section 10 constitutes an unreasonable risk of harmful effects to the health of humans or other living species or of damage to the environment or to property, he may make an order requiring a person, temporarily or permanently, not to carry on or to cease carrying on that activity or part thereof.

1987, c. 29, s. 15.

16. Before issuing an order under section 13, 14 or 15, the Minister shall, as prescribed by section 5 of the Act respecting administrative justice (chapter J-3), notify to the person to whom the order applies a prior notice of at least 15 days indicating the grounds which appear to justify the order and the proposed date on which it shall take effect and giving the person an opportunity to present observations. The notice shall be accompanied with a copy of any analysis or research report or any other technical report taken into account by the Minister before issuing the order.

The Minister shall also transmit a copy of the prior notice to any person having submitted a sworn complaint to him in respect of the facts giving rise to its issue.

Notice of the proposed order shall be published twice in a daily newspaper distributed in the locality where the events giving rise to the application of this section occurred or, if none is distributed in that locality, in a daily newspaper distributed in the nearest locality.

The Minister shall also transmit a copy of the prior notice to the clerk-treasurer or clerk of the local municipality in whose territory the facts giving rise to the application of this section occurred. The clerk-treasurer or clerk shall make the notice available to the public during the period of 15 days prescribed in the first paragraph.

1987, c. 29, s. 16; 1996, c. 2, s. 762; 1997, c. 43, s. 411; 2021, c. 31, s. 132.

17. Notwithstanding the preceding section, the Minister may, without prior notice but for a period of not over 30 days, issue an order contemplated in section 13, 14 or 15 if he is of the opinion that an activity contemplated in section 10 is likely to cause an immediate danger to the health of humans and other living species or serious or irreparable damage to property.

The person to whom an order is notified without prior notice may, within the time specified in the order, present observations to the Minister so that the order may be reviewed.

1987, c. 29, s. 17; 1997, c. 43, s. 412.

18. The Minister, before issuing an order to a municipality, metropolitan community or intermunicipal board which entails expenses for the latter, shall consult the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy.

1987, c. 29, s. 18; 1990, c. 85, s. 122; 1999, c. 43, s. 13; 2000, c. 56, s. 218; 2003, c. 19, s. 250; 2005, c. 28, s. 196; 2009, c. 26, s. 109.

19. Subject to Division VI of the Act respecting municipal debts and loans (chapter D-7), no approval other than that of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy is required by a municipality or a metropolitan community to contract a loan in order to comply with an order of the Minister.

1987, c. 29, s. 19; 1988, c. 84, s. 705; 1990, c. 85, s. 122; 1999, c. 43, s. 13; 2000, c. 56, s. 218; 2003, c. 19, s. 250; 2005, c. 28, s. 196; 2009, c. 26, s. 109.

19.1. The Minister may claim the direct and indirect costs of issuing an order from any person to whom the order applies.

If the order is contested before the Superior Court, the claim is suspended until the Court confirms all or part of the order.

2022, c. 8, s. 53.

19.2. In the event of non-compliance with an order, the Minister may have it enforced at the expense of the offender.

The costs and interest arising from having the order so enforced constitute a prior claim on any private immovable concerned in the same manner and with the same rank as the claims described in paragraph 5 of article 2651 of the Civil Code.

Articles 2654.1 and 2655 of the Civil Code apply, with the necessary modifications, to such a claim.

2022, c. 8, s. 53.

20. Where a person to whom an order of the Minister applies refuses or neglects to carry it out, any person frequenting the place or the immediate vicinity of the place where the events giving rise to the issue of the order occurred may apply to the Superior Court for an injunction requiring the person to comply with the order.

The Attorney General, any local municipality in whose territory the facts giving rise to the order occurred or any metropolitan community whose territory includes the territory of the municipality also may apply for the injunction.

1987, c. 29, s. 20; 1990, c. 85, s. 122; 1996, c. 2, s. 763; 2000, c. 56, s. 218.

21. Where an interlocutory injunction is applied for, the security under article 511 of the Code of Civil Procedure (chapter C-25.01) shall not exceed \$500.

1987, c. 29, s. 21; I.N. 2016-01-01 (NCCP).

22. Every action or application brought under section 20 shall be served on the Attorney General.

1987, c. 29, s. 22; I.N. 2016-01-01 (NCCP).

23. Every application for an injunction made under section 20 shall be heard and decided by preference.

1987, c. 29, s. 23.

24. The court, in granting an injunction, may order, if necessary, that measures be taken at the expense of the person it indicates or authorize the Minister to take them at the expense of that person.

1987, c. 29, s. 24.

25. An order issued to the owner of an immovable may be registered against the immovable.

The Minister may register a copy of the order at the Land Registry Office. The order may thenceforth be set up against any purchaser whose title is registered subsequently and that purchaser is required to assume the obligations imposed on the former owner pursuant to the order.

1987, c. 29, s. 25; 1999, c. 40, s. 211; 2000, c. 42, s. 197; 2020, c. 17, s. 111.

§ 2. — *Other measures available to the Minister*

26. The Minister, to prevent or mitigate harmful effects on human health or serious or irreparable damage to the environment or to property, may take any necessary measures to clean up, collect or contain pesticides emitted, deposited, released or discharged in the course of activities contemplated in section 10.

The Minister may claim the costs entailed by the measures taken from the person who carried on the activities, in the same manner as any debt owing to the Government, whether or not the person has been prosecuted for an offence under this Act. Where there are several debtors, they are jointly and severally liable.

1987, c. 29, s. 26.

27. Where an offender has been found guilty of an offence under this Act or the regulations thereunder, the Minister may take any necessary measure to restore the conditions existing prior to the offence.

The Minister may claim the costs entailed by the measures taken from the offender in the same manner as any debt owing to the Government.

1987, c. 29, s. 27; 1990, c. 4, s. 637.

CHAPTER IV

RIGHT TO PERFORM CERTAIN ACTIVITIES RELATING TO PESTICIDES

DIVISION I

SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

28. This chapter applies to all activities relating to the manufacture and sale of pesticides and to the performance of work involving the use of pesticides. It also applies to the acquisition of pesticides outside Québec for sale in Québec or for the performance of work in Québec involving the use of those pesticides.

This chapter applies to both sales for resale and sales for use. However, it does not apply to the sale, for the purpose of use, of topical medication intended for animals.

1987, c. 29, s. 28; 1993, c. 77, s. 2; 2022, c. 8, s. 54.

29. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 29; 2022, c. 8, s. 54.

30. Work involving the use of pesticides is any work intended to control, destroy, mitigate, attract or repel, directly or indirectly, by means of a pesticide, any organism that is injurious to or noxious or troublesome for humans, animal life, vegetation, crops or any other property and any work intended to control plant growth by means of a pesticide.

1987, c. 29, s. 30.

31. The following work is not considered to be work involving the use of pesticides:

(1) analysis and research work carried on in a laboratory;

(2) work which, in an industrial process, consists in incorporating a pesticide into a manufactured product, if the pesticide is incorporated on the premises where the product is manufactured.

1987, c. 29, s. 31.

32. The Government, by regulation, shall designate, among the classes of pesticides it establishes, those for which a permit or certificate is required.

The contents of the regulations under the first paragraph may vary according to the factors referred to in section 101.

1987, c. 29, s. 32; 2022, c. 8, s. 55.

33. In this chapter,

“**farmer**” means any person who is engaged in the cultivation of the soil, the growing of crops or the raising of livestock;

“**forest manager**” means any person who is engaged in a forest management activity or who uses the soil for forest management purposes.

1987, c. 29, s. 33.

DIVISION II

PERMITS

34. A permit issued by the Minister for the classes of pesticides designated by regulation is required of

(1) every person who sells pesticides or offers them for sale;

(2) every person who performs or offers to perform work involving the use of pesticides;

(3) *(subparagraph repealed).*

1987, c. 29, s. 34; 2022, c. 8, s. 56.

35. No permit is required of

(1) a natural person who acts as an employee or a person authorized to act on behalf of the permit holder;

(2) a forest manager who, in respect of the work he performs or offers to perform not as a business for forest purposes, has less than 10 employees in his forest management operation, apart from any director, executive officer, manager or foreman;

(3) a farmer, for the work he performs or offers to perform, not as a business, for agricultural purposes;

(4) a natural person who acts as an employee or person authorized to act on behalf of a forest manager or farmer referred to in paragraph 2 or 3.

The exemptions provided for in subparagraphs 2 and 3 of the first paragraph do not apply to work performed by means of an aircraft. The exemption provided for in subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph does not apply to maintenance work on ornamental or decorative plants not intended for sale.

1987, c. 29, s. 35; 1993, c. 77, s. 3.

36. A permit authorizes its holder to carry on the activities allowed according to the class or subclass of the permit, with respect to the class of pesticides indicated on the permit.

1987, c. 29, s. 36.

37. Every person wishing to obtain a permit must apply therefor in writing to the Minister in the manner and form prescribed by government regulation. The application shall contain the information prescribed by the regulation.

Any application made by a partnership or legal person shall be submitted by one of its directors or other executive officers, duly authorized.

1987, c. 29, s. 37; 2022, c. 8, s. 83.

38. A permit for the carrying out of work shall be issued to any person

(1) who is domiciled or has a residence or business establishment in Québec;

(2) who has not been, or none of whose executive officers has been convicted of an offence contemplated in Chapter IX in the 12 months preceding the application;

(3) who is not the holder of a permit of the same class or subclass;

(4) who pays the fees fixed by government regulation;

(5) who establishes to the Minister's satisfaction that the activities covered by the permit and requiring a certificate for their performance will be carried out by a natural person holding a certificate prescribed by government regulation or, in the cases prescribed by such a regulation, by a natural person who, on the premises where the activity is carried out, acts under the supervision of the holder of such a certificate;

(6) who furnishes the guarantee required by government regulation, where such is the case;

(7) who furnishes an attestation of civil liability insurance where such insurance is required by government regulation;

(8) who meets the other requirements and furnishes the information and documents prescribed by government regulation.

A sale permit shall be issued to any person who meets the conditions set out in subparagraphs 2 to 8 of the first paragraph.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Minister may refuse to issue a permit if the applicant held a permit which was revoked in the 12 months preceding the application.

1987, c. 29, s. 38; 1990, c. 4, s. 638; 1993, c. 77, s. 4; 1999, c. 40, s. 211; 2022, c. 8, s. 57.

39. A permit is valid for a three-year term. The Minister shall renew the permit for the same term provided its holder

(1) meets the requirements prescribed in subparagraphs 1, 5, 6 and 7 of section 38 governing the issue of permits, to the extent that they apply to the permit concerned and, where such is the case, meets the requirements for renewal prescribed by government regulation;

(2) has paid the fees prescribed by government regulation;

(3) has complied with this Act and the regulations during the term which is ending.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Minister may issue or renew a permit for a shorter term if he considers it advisable.

1987, c. 29, s. 39; 1993, c. 77, s. 5; 2022, c. 8, s. 84.

40. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1 of section 38, the Minister may issue a temporary permit for a term of one year, for the carrying out of work, to any person who has neither domicile nor residence or business establishment in Québec.

The Minister shall renew the permit for the same term provided its holder applies to him therefor in writing in the manner and form prescribed by government regulation and meets the requirements for renewal contemplated in section 39, except that of subparagraph 1 of section 38.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Minister may issue or renew a temporary permit for a shorter period if he considers it advisable.

1987, c. 29, s. 40; 1993, c. 77, s. 6; 1999, c. 40, s. 211; 2022, c. 8, s. 58.

41. A permit may be modified at the request of its holder upon payment of any fees fixed by government regulation.

In order to change the subclass of the permit or the class of pesticides indicated thereon or to add a subclass or class to the permit, the holder must meet the requirements for obtaining a permit of the subclass of permit or for the class of pesticides he is applying for.

1987, c. 29, s. 41; 2022, c. 8, s. 84.

42. A permit may also be revoked at the request of its holder if the Minister considers it advisable.

1987, c. 29, s. 42; 2022, c. 8, s. 59.

43. No person may transfer a permit without the authorization of the Minister.

1987, c. 29, s. 43.

44. The holder of a permit shall comply with the requirements prescribed by government regulation.

1987, c. 29, s. 44; 2022, c. 8, s. 84.

45. A permit holder shall cause the activities authorized by his permit and requiring a certificate for their performance to be carried out by a natural person holding the certificate prescribed by government regulation or, in the cases prescribed by such a regulation, by a natural person who, on the premises where the activity is carried out, acts under the supervision of the holder of such a certificate.

1987, c. 29, s. 45; 2022, c. 8, s. 60.

46. Every permit holder shall keep up to date registers prescribed by government regulation, in accordance with the regulations.

The Minister may require of any permit holder that he transmit to him, within the time and on the conditions that he fixes, all or part of the information recorded in the registers prescribed under the first paragraph concerning the nature, origin, properties, quantities and destination of the pesticides received, sold or used by the permit holder.

1987, c. 29, s. 46; 1993, c. 77, s. 7; 2022, c. 8, s. 61.

47. Every permit holder shall keep the registers and other documents prescribed by government regulation for the period indicated therein.

1987, c. 29, s. 47; 2022, c. 8, s. 84.

48. Every permit holder shall inform the Minister of any change which makes the information furnished for the issue or renewal of his permit inaccurate or incomplete.

He shall also notify the Minister of the cessation of his activities.

Every partnership or legal person which holds a permit shall inform the Minister of any amalgamation, sale or transfer to which it is subject and of any change in its name.

1987, c. 29, s. 48.

49. Every permit holder contemplated in subparagraph 1 or 2 of section 34 shall post his permit or a duplicate thereof issued by the Minister in full view in each of his establishments.

The holder of a temporary permit or his representative shall, when carrying on his activities in Québec, have his permit or, as the case may be, a duplicate thereof issued by the Minister, in his possession. He shall produce his permit to an inspector upon request.

1987, c. 29, s. 49; 1999, c. 40, s. 211.

DIVISION III

CERTIFICATES

50. The following persons are required to hold a certificate issued by the Minister:

- (1) every natural person who performs an activity for which a permit is required;
- (2) every natural person who, as a forest manager, farmer or as a person or employee authorized to act on behalf of a forest manager or farmer, is not required to hold a permit and who performs work involving the use of pesticides of a class designated by regulation;
- (3) every natural person who is responsible for supervising on premises where an activity contemplated in paragraph 1 or 2 is performed.

1987, c. 29, s. 50.

51. No certificate is required of a person who, in accordance with a government regulation, on the premises where an activity is carried on, acts under the supervision of the holder of a certificate and who performs an activity which the holder is authorized to supervise.

1987, c. 29, s. 51; 2022, c. 8, s. 65.

52. The certificate attests to the certificate holder's competence in the field of pesticides and authorizes him to carry on activities of the class or subclass indicated on the certificate with respect to the class of pesticides indicated therein.

1987, c. 29, s. 52.

53. Every person wishing to obtain a certificate must apply therefor in writing to the Minister in the manner and form prescribed by government regulation. The application shall contain the information prescribed by the regulation.

1987, c. 29, s. 53; 2022, c. 8, s. 83.

54. A certificate shall be issued to any natural person

(1) who has successfully completed the examination prescribed or recognized by the Minister for the issuance of the certificate applied for or who has obtained a certificate outside Québec and has established to the Minister's satisfaction that he has the required competence to obtain the certificate;

(1.1) in the cases prescribed by government regulation, who has successfully completed the training prescribed or recognized by the Minister for the issuance of the certificate applied for;

(2) who has not been convicted of an offence contemplated in Chapter IX in the 12 months preceding the application;

(3) who is not the holder of a certificate of the same class or subclass;

(4) who pays the fees fixed by government regulation;

(5) who meets the other requirements and furnishes the information and documents prescribed by government regulation.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Minister may refuse to issue a certificate if the applicant was the holder of a certificate revoked within the 12 months preceding the application.

1987, c. 29, s. 54; 1990, c. 4, s. 639; 2022, c. 8, s. 66.

55. A certificate is valid for the five-year term. The Minister shall renew the certificate for the same term provided its holder

(1) has successfully completed

(a) the examination prescribed or recognized by the Minister for the renewal of the certificate applied for;

(b) the training prescribed or recognized by the Minister for the renewal of the certificate applied for; or

(c) the examination or training required by the Minister under paragraph 4 of section 61;

(2) has paid the fees fixed by government regulation;

(3) has complied with this Act and the regulations during the term which is ending.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Minister may issue or renew a certificate for a shorter term if he considers it advisable.

1987, c. 29, s. 55; 1993, c. 77, s. 8; 2022, c. 8, s. 67.

56. A certificate may be modified at the request of its holder upon payment of any fees fixed by government regulation.

In order to change the subclass of the certificate or the class of pesticides indicated thereon or to add a subclass or class thereto, the holder must meet the requirements for obtaining a certificate applicable to the subclass of certificate or the class of pesticides he is applying for.

1987, c. 29, s. 56; 2022, c. 8, s. 84.

57. The certificate may also be revoked at the request of its holder if the Minister considers it advisable.

1987, c. 29, s. 57; 2022, c. 8, s. 68.

58. A certificate is not transferable.

1987, c. 29, s. 58.

59. Every certificate holder shall comply with the requirements prescribed by government regulation.

1987, c. 29, s. 59; 2022, c. 8, s. 84.

60. Every certificate holder shall inform the Minister of any change that makes the information furnished for the issue or renewal of his certificate inaccurate or incomplete.

1987, c. 29, s. 60.

61. The Minister may require a certificate holder to successfully complete an examination referred to in subparagraph 1 of section 54 or training referred to in subparagraph 1.1 of that section

(1) where the holder's certificate has been suspended;

(2) where the holder, in performing work involving the use of pesticides or in selling pesticides, has failed to comply with this Act or the regulation;

(3) where the holder seeks the modification of the class or subclass of his certificate or the class of pesticides he is authorized to sell or use;

(4) where he is of opinion that new developments in the field of pesticides require it.

1987, c. 29, s. 61; 2022, c. 8, s. 70.

62. Every holder of a certificate shall have it in his possession when carrying on his activities. He shall produce it to an inspector upon request.

1987, c. 29, s. 62.

DIVISION IV

NULLITY OF CONTRACT

63. Any person may institute legal proceedings in nullity of a contract he has entered into to cause the performance of work involving the use of pesticides if he ascertains

(1) that the work has been or very likely will be performed by a person who is not a permit holder, by a natural person who is not the holder of a certificate prescribed by government regulation or by a natural person who, in contravention of a government regulation, does not act under the supervision of such a holder on the premises where work is performed;

(2) that the work has been or very likely will be performed in contravention of the Pesticides Management Code (chapter P-9.3, r. 1).

1987, c. 29, s. 63; 2022, c. 8, s. 71.

64. Nullity entitles the plaintiff to equivalent monetary restitution of all the prestations he has made under the contract without his being required to make any restitution to the defendant.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the court may, by way of exception, withdraw the plaintiff's right to restitution of prestations where restitution would have the effect of giving him an excessive advantage, having regard to all the circumstances.

1987, c. 29, s. 64.

65. Every person who avails himself of this division shall notify the Minister thereof without delay.

1987, c. 29, s. 65.

DIVISION V

REVISION, SUSPENSION, CANCELLATION AND REVOCATION OF A PERMIT OR CERTIFICATE

1987, c. 29, Div. V; 2022, c. 8, s. 72.

66. The Minister may revise, suspend, cancel or revoke a permit or a certificate issued by him where the holder

(1) does not meet or no longer meets the requirements prescribed in this Act and the regulations thereunder for obtention or renewal of the permit or certificate;

(2) fails to comply with the requirements, obligations and restrictions that apply to the carrying out or performance of his activities;

(3) has failed or refused to submit to the examination or to take the training required under section 61;

(4) has ceased his activities.

1987, c. 29, s. 66; 2022, c. 8, s. 73.

67. Before rendering a decision under section 66, the Minister shall notify the holder of a permit or certificate in writing as prescribed by section 5 of the Act respecting administrative justice (chapter J-3) and allow the holder at least 10 days to present observations.

1987, c. 29, s. 67; 1997, c. 43, s. 413.

CHAPTER V

PROCEEDING BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL OF QUÉBEC

1997, c. 43, s. 414.

68. Any person contemplated by an order issued by the Minister under this Act may contest the decision before the Administrative Tribunal of Québec within 30 days of notification of the decision.

The same applies in all cases where the Minister

(1) refuses to issue, renew, revise or revoke a permit or certificate;

- (2) fixes the term of a permit at less than two years and that of a certificate at less than three years;
- (3) requires a change in an application made to him;
- (4) suspends, revises, extends, cancels or revokes a permit or certificate;
- (5) refuses to authorize the transfer of a permit; or

(6) requires, in cases contemplated in section 61, that a certificate holder take or successfully complete an examination or training.

1987, c. 29, s. 68; 1988, c. 21, s. 66; 1997, c. 43, s. 415; 2022, c. 8, s. 74.

69. Every decision referred to in section 68 must be substantiated in writing. It must be transmitted to the interested person by registered mail and accompanied with a notice informing him of his right to contest the decision.

1987, c. 29, s. 69; 1997, c. 43, s. 416; I.N. 2016-01-01 (NCCP).

70. A proceeding suspends execution of the decision of the Minister except with respect to any orders he has issued.

1987, c. 29, s. 70; 1997, c. 43, s. 417.

71. *(Repealed).*

1987, c. 29, s. 71; 1997, c. 43, s. 418.

72. *(Repealed).*

1987, c. 29, s. 72; 1988, c. 21, s. 66; 1997, c. 43, s. 418.

73. The applicant shall, within 15 days after the filing of his motion, cause a notice to be published twice in a daily newspaper distributed in the region concerned by the contested decision.

Proof of publication of the notices shall be filed at the secretariat of the Tribunal.

1987, c. 29, s. 73; 1988, c. 21, s. 66; 1997, c. 43, s. 419.

74. As soon as he receives a copy of the motion, the Minister shall transmit a copy to every person who has presented to him observations in writing concerning the contested decision.

Where more than one municipality, including a metropolitan community, or more than 25 persons have presented observations in writing to him, the Minister, instead of transmitting a copy of the motion to them, may cause a notice to be published in a daily newspaper distributed in the region concerned by the contested decision. The notice shall briefly state the grounds invoked by the applicant.

1987, c. 29, s. 74; 1990, c. 85, s. 122; 1997, c. 43, s. 420; 2000, c. 56, s. 218.

75. *(Repealed).*

1987, c. 29, s. 75; 1988, c. 21, s. 66; 1997, c. 43, s. 421.

76. *(Repealed).*

1987, c. 29, s. 76; 1988, c. 21, s. 66; 1997, c. 43, s. 421.

77. *(Repealed).*

1987, c. 29, s. 77; 1988, c. 21, s. 66; 1997, c. 43, s. 421.

78. *(Repealed).*

1987, c. 29, s. 78; 1988, c. 21, s. 66; 1997, c. 43, s. 421.

CHAPTER VI

INSPECTION, SEIZURE AND CONFISCATION

79. The provisions of Chapter II of the Act respecting certain measures enabling the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation (chapter M-11.6) apply to the inspections and investigations conducted and to the notices of execution that are notified for the purposes of this Act or the regulations.

1987, c. 29, s. 79; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

80. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 80; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

81. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 81; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

82. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 82; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

83. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 83; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

84. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 84; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

85. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 85; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

86. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 86; 1990, c. 4, s. 640; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

87. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 87; 1988, c. 21, s. 66; 1990, c. 4, s. 641; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

88. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 88; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

89. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 89; 1990, c. 4, s. 642; 1992, c. 61, s. 434; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

90. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 90; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

91. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 91; 1992, c. 61, s. 435; 1999, c. 40, s. 211; I.N. 2016-01-01 (NCCP); 2016, c. 7, s. 183; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

92. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 92; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

93. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 93; 1992, c. 61, s. 435; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

94. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 94; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

95. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 95; 1992, c. 61, s. 435; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

96. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 96; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

97. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 97; 1990, c. 4, s. 643; 1992, c. 61, s. 436; 2022, c. 8, s. 75.

CHAPTER VII

Repealed, 2022, c. 8, s. 76.

1987, c. 29, c. VII; 2022, c. 8, s. 76.

98. *(Repealed).*

1987, c. 29, s. 98; 2022, c. 8, s. 76.

99. *(Repealed).*

1987, c. 29, s. 99; 2022, c. 8, s. 76.

100. *(Repealed).*

1987, c. 29, s. 100; 1996, c. 2, s. 764; 2022, c. 8, s. 76.

CHAPTER VIII

REGULATIONS

DIVISION I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

101. The content of the Pesticides Management Code (chapter P-9.3, r. 1) and of the other regulations may vary according to the nature, importance and extent of the activities carried on, the classes of persons carrying them on, the environment in which the activities are carried on, the means or systems used, the pesticides or classes of pesticides or the classes or subclasses of permits or certificates.

1987, c. 29, s. 101.

102. The provisions of the Pesticides Management Code (chapter P-9.3, r. 1) and of the other regulations of this Act prevail over any inconsistent provision of any by-law passed by a municipality or a metropolitan community.

1987, c. 29, s. 102; 1990, c. 85, s. 122; 2000, c. 56, s. 218.

103. The Minister may transmit a notice to a municipality or a metropolitan community indicating the provisions of its by-laws which he considers to be inconsistent. He shall cause a copy of the notice to be published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

The municipality or metropolitan community shall, as soon as possible after publication of the notice contemplated in the first paragraph, amend, replace or repeal the indicated provisions to remedy the situation, even if the provisions had the approval of the Minister.

1987, c. 29, s. 103; 1990, c. 85, s. 122; 2000, c. 56, s. 218.

104. No provision of the Pesticides Management Code (chapter P-9.3, r. 1) or of any regulation that could affect the immovables comprised in a reserved area or agricultural zone established under the Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities (chapter P-41.1) applies to that area or zone unless the regulation expressly indicates it.

1987, c. 29, s. 104; 1996, c. 26, s. 85.

DIVISION II

PESTICIDES MANAGEMENT CODE

105. The Government shall enact by regulation a Pesticides Management Code which may prescribe rules, restrictions or prohibitions respecting activities related to the distribution, sale, manufacture, acquisition outside Québec, possession, storage, transportation or use of any pesticide, pesticide container or any equipment used for any of those activities as well as to the management of any waste consisting in whole or in part of pesticides or contaminated by pesticides.

1987, c. 29, s. 105; 2022, c. 8, s. 77.

105.1. The Pesticides Management Code (chapter P-9.3, r. 1) may require a person who stores pesticides of a determined category or in a determined quantity to subscribe civil liability insurance, the kind, extent, duration, amount and other applicable conditions of which are determined in the said Code, and to furnish thereof to the Minister.

1993, c. 77, s. 11.

106. The Pesticides Management Code (chapter P-9.3, r. 1) may cause any rule elaborated by another government or by a body to be mandatory.

In addition, the code may cause any instructions of the manufacturer of a pesticide or of equipment used for any activity referred to in the code to be mandatory.

1987, c. 29, s. 106.

107. The Government may prescribe that the contravention of the provisions of this code which it determines constitutes an offence.

1987, c. 29, s. 107.

DIVISION III

OTHER REGULATIONS

108. *(Repealed).*

1987, c. 29, s. 108; 1993, c. 77, s. 10.

109. In addition to its other regulation-making powers under this Act, the Government may, by regulation,

- (1) establish classes of pesticides;
- (2) exempt any pesticide from the application of all or part of the provisions of Chapter IV or the regulations thereunder, on the conditions it may determine;
- (3) establish classes and subclasses of permits and certificates, and fix for each the date from which the permits or certificates become exigible;
- (4) determine conditions applicable to the issue, renewal, revision or revocation of a permit or certificate and the documents and information to be furnished;
- (5) fix the fees exigible for the issue, the renewal and, in such cases as it may determine, the modification of a permit or certificate, which may vary according to the term, class or subclass of permit or certificate, or according to the extent or importance of the activities;
- (6) prescribe a charge for the issue of duplicates of permits or certificates;
- (7) require, as a condition prior to issue or renewal of a permit and in such cases as it may determine, that a person provide a guarantee to enable the Minister to take or cause to be taken measures required under section 24, 26 or 27, the cost of which may be payable by the person, fix the nature and the amount of the guarantee and the conditions on which the guarantee may be used by the Minister and on which it may be released;
- (8) prescribe the requirements to be observed by the holder of a permit or certificate;
- (9) require, as a condition prior to issue of a permit, that a person take out civil liability insurance and maintain it in force during the term of his permit, prescribe the kind, coverage and the amount thereof and the other applicable conditions;
- (10) indicate the registers that must be kept by all or some of the permit holders and determine the conditions which apply thereto;
- (11) indicate the records or other documents to be preserved by all or certain permit holders and prescribe the applicable requirements and the time for which they must be preserved;

(11.1) determine the landscaping, extermination or fumigation activities contemplated by section 102;

(11.2) determine the activities that require the supervision of a certificate holder and the applicable conditions;

(11.3) establish measures providing for the use of economic instruments, including fees or charges related to the distribution, sale, manufacture, acquisition outside Québec, possession, storage, transportation or use of pesticides and of any pesticide container, pesticide waste or equipment used for any such activities;

(11.4) establish any rule that is necessary for or relevant to carrying out measures referred to in paragraph 11.3 and that pertains, in particular, to the determination of persons required to pay the fees or charges referred to in that paragraph, the conditions applicable to their collection and the interest and penalties payable if they are not paid;

(11.5) determine the information that is public information and, if applicable, the terms and conditions relating to its distribution;

(12) prescribe that contravention of the provisions of the regulations which it indicates constitutes an offence;

(13) prescribe any other measure required to facilitate the carrying out of this Act.

Any regulatory provision made under this Act that concerns the active ingredients contained in pesticides must be evaluated every two years to take into account the evolution of scientific and technological knowledge applicable to it.

1987, c. 29, s. 109; 1993, c. 77, s. 12; 2022, c. 8, s. 78.

CHAPTER VIII.1

MONETARY ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

2022, c. 8, s. 79.

109.1. A monetary administrative penalty of \$250 in the case of a natural person and \$1,000 in any other case may be imposed on anyone who fails

(1) to transmit to the Minister, within the time and on the conditions fixed, all or part of the information recorded in the registers prescribed under the first paragraph of section 46 concerning the nature, origin, properties, quantities and destination of the pesticides received, sold or used by the permit holder, in contravention of the second paragraph of that section;

(2) to keep up to date the registers referred to in the first paragraph of section 46;

(3) to keep the registers and other documents prescribed by regulation for the period indicated therein in accordance with section 47;

(4) to notify the Minister of the cessation of his activities, in contravention of the second paragraph of section 48, for the period indicated therein, and in the manner and form prescribed by regulation;

(5) to post his permit or a duplicate thereof in accordance with the first paragraph of section 49;

(6) to have his temporary permit or, as the case may be, a duplicate thereof issued by the Minister in his possession or to produce his permit to an inspector upon request, in contravention of the second paragraph of section 49; and

(7) to have, when carrying on his activities in Québec, his certificate in his possession or to produce it to an inspector upon request, in contravention of section 62.

2022, c. 8, s. 79.

109.2. A monetary administrative penalty of \$500 in the case of a natural person and \$2,500 in any other case may be imposed on anyone who fails

(1) to inform the Minister of any change which makes the information furnished for the issue or renewal of his permit inaccurate or incomplete, in accordance with the first paragraph of section 48, within the time and in the manner and form prescribed by regulation;

(2) to inform the Minister of any amalgamation, sale or transfer and of any change in the person's name, in accordance with the third paragraph of section 48, within the time and in the manner and form prescribed by regulation; and

(3) to inform the Minister of any change that makes the information furnished for the issue or renewal of his certificate inaccurate or incomplete, in accordance with section 60.

2022, c. 8, s. 79.

109.3. A monetary administrative penalty of \$1,000 in the case of a natural person and \$5,000 in any other case may be imposed on anyone who

(1) manufactures pesticides without holding a permit issued by the Minister, in contravention of subparagraph 0.1 of section 34;

(2) sells pesticides or offers them for sale without holding a permit issued by the Minister, in contravention of subparagraph 1 of section 34;

(3) acquires pesticides outside Québec for sale in Québec or for the performance of work involving the use of those pesticides without holding a permit issued by the Minister, in contravention of subparagraph 1.1 of section 34;

(4) performs or offers to perform work involving the use of pesticides without holding a permit issued by the Minister, in contravention of subparagraph 2 of section 34;

(5) transfers a permit without the Minister's authorization, in contravention of section 43;

(6) fails to cause the activities authorized by his permit and requiring a certificate for their performance to be carried out by a natural person holding the certificate or by a natural person who, on the premises where the activities are carried out, acts under the supervision of the holder of such a certificate, in accordance with section 45; or

(7) performs an activity referred to by government regulation without holding a certificate issued by the Minister, in contravention of section 50.

The penalty provided for in the first paragraph may also be imposed on any person who

(1) provides erroneous information or a document that is incomplete for the purposes of this Act and the regulations; or

(2) allows or authorizes the entry of any erroneous information or incomplete document in any register, statement or other document required under this Act or the regulations.

2022, c. 8, s. 79.

109.4. A monetary administrative penalty of \$2,000 in the case of a natural person and \$10,000 in any other case may be imposed on anyone who

(1) fails to comply with an order issued by the Minister under the first paragraph of section 13 or 14, or fails to comply with such an order within the time fixed;

(2) reopens or allows access to a place that is subject to an order without an order of the Minister issued to that effect, in contravention of the second paragraph of section 14; or

(3) fails to comply with an order issued by the Minister under section 15 or the first paragraph of section 17.

2022, c. 8, s. 79.

109.5. The provisions of Chapter III of the Act respecting certain measures enabling the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation (chapter M-11.6) apply to the imposition of a monetary administrative penalty on a person who fails to comply with a provision of this Act or the regulations.

2022, c. 8, s. 79.

CHAPTER IX

PENAL PROVISIONS

110. Anyone who contravenes section 46 or 47, the second paragraph of section 48, or section 49 or 62 commits an offence and is liable to a fine of \$1,000 to \$100,000 in the case of a natural person and \$3,000 to \$600,000 in any other case.

1987, c. 29, s. 110; 1990, c. 4, s. 644; 2022, c. 8, s. 80.

111. Anyone who contravenes the first or third paragraph of section 48 or section 60 commits an offence and is liable to a fine of \$2,500 to \$250,000 in the case of a natural person and \$7,500 to \$1,500,000 in any other case.

1987, c. 29, s. 111; 1990, c. 4, s. 645; 2022, c. 8, s. 80.

112. Anyone who

(1) contravenes subparagraph 0.1, 1, 1.1 or 2 of section 34, or section 45 or 50,

(2) transfers a permit without the Minister's authorization, in contravention of section 43,

(3) provides information that is false or misleading for the purposes of this Act and the regulations, or

(4) allows or authorizes the entry of false or misleading information in any register, statement or other document required under this Act or the regulations,

commits an offence and is liable, in the case of a natural person, to a fine of \$5,000 to \$500,000 or, despite article 231 of the Code of Penal Procedure (chapter C-25.1), to a maximum term of imprisonment of 18 months, or to both the fine and imprisonment, and, in any other case, to a fine of \$15,000 to \$3,000,000.

1987, c. 29, s. 112; 1990, c. 4, s. 646; 2022, c. 8, s. 80.

113. Anyone who fails to comply with an order imposed on him under this Act, or in any way prevents or hinders its enforcement, commits an offence and is liable, in the case of a natural person, to a fine of \$10,000 to \$1,000,000 or, despite article 231 of the Code of Penal Procedure (chapter C-25.1), to a maximum term of

imprisonment of three years, or to both the fine and imprisonment, and, in any other case, to a fine of \$30,000 to \$6,000,000.

1987, c. 29, s. 113; 1990, c. 4, s. 646; 2022, c. 8, s. 80.

114. The provisions of Chapter V of the Act respecting certain measures enabling the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation (chapter M-11.6) apply to this chapter and the penal provisions provided by regulation.

1987, c. 29, s. 114; 1990, c. 4, s. 646; 2022, c. 8, s. 80.

CHAPTER IX.1

CLAIMS AND RECOVERY

2022, c. 8, s. 80.

115. The provisions of Chapter VI of the Act respecting certain measures enabling the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation (chapter M-11.6) apply to claims made by the Minister for the recovery of amounts owed to the Minister under this Act or the regulations.

1987, c. 29, s. 115; 1990, c. 4, s. 646; 2022, c. 8, s. 80.

116. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 116; 1990, c. 4, s. 646; 2022, c. 8, s. 80.

117. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 117; 1990, c. 4, s. 646; 2022, c. 8, s. 80.

118. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 118; 1990, c. 4, s. 646; 2022, c. 8, s. 80.

119. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 119; 2022, c. 8, s. 80.

120. *(Repealed).*

1987, c. 29, s. 120; 1990, c. 4, s. 647.

121. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 121; 1992, c. 61, s. 437; 2022, c. 8, s. 80.

122. *(Replaced).*

1987, c. 29, s. 122; 2022, c. 8, s. 80.

123. *(Repealed).*

1987, c. 29, s. 123; 1988, c. 49, s. 40; 1990, c. 4, s. 648; 1992, c. 61, s. 438.

CHAPTER X

PROVISIONAL MEASURES

124. When the Government has determined the date from which a given class of certificate is required, every natural person carrying on the activities that are the subject of that class of certificate shall register with the Minister within the time prescribed by regulation.

Registration under the first paragraph ceases to be required on the date from which the class of certificate is required.

1987, c. 29, s. 124.

125. The Minister shall effect the registration of any person upon compliance with the formalities prescribed by government regulation.

The Minister shall issue an attestation of registration specifying the activities carried on by the registered person and the classes of pesticides involved.

1987, c. 29, s. 125; 2022, c. 8, s. 84.

126. The Government may, by regulation,

(1) prescribe classes and subclasses of registration and for each such class or subclass, the time within which registration is required;

(2) prescribe the registration formalities and the information required for the issue of an attestation of registration.

1987, c. 29, s. 126.

CHAPTER XI

MISCELLANEOUS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

127. *(Repealed).*

1987, c. 29, s. 127; 1990, c. 4, s. 649; 1997, c. 43, s. 422; 2022, c. 8, s. 81.

128. Every person, in addition to his rights under section 118.4 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2), has the right to obtain, from the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs, a copy of any available information concerning the activities contemplated by this Act and which may be communicated pursuant to Chapters II and III of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1).

1987, c. 29, s. 128; 1994, c. 17, s. 75; 1999, c. 36, s. 158; 2006, c. 3, s. 35.

129. The Minister shall keep a register of

(1) all applications for the issue, revision, renewal or revocation of a permit or certificate made pursuant to this Act;

(2) all permits and certificates issued pursuant to this Act;

(2.1) all contracts pronounced null by a court under section 65 for work involving the use of pesticides;

(2.2) all decisions regarding a refusal to issue, revise, renew or revoke a permit or certificate, or regarding a suspension, revision, extension, cancellation or revocation of a permit or certificate, and all prior notices of such decisions;

(3) all registrations provided for in section 124;

(4) all orders of the Minister and all prior notices in respect thereof issued pursuant to this Act;

(5) all proceedings brought before the Administrative Tribunal of Québec pursuant to this Act and all decisions rendered on proceedings;

(6) all other information and documents prescribed by the Pesticides Management Code (chapter P-9.3, r. 1).

The information contained in the register is public information.

1987, c. 29, s. 129; 1997, c. 43, s. 423; 2022, c. 8, s. 82.

130. *(Amendment integrated into c. M-15.2, s. 10).*

1987, c. 29, s. 130.

131. *(Amendment integrated into c. P-41.1, s. 97).*

1987, c. 29, s. 131.

132. The Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks is responsible for the administration of this Act.

1987, c. 29, s. 132; 1994, c. 17, s. 75; 1999, c. 36, s. 158; 2006, c. 3, s. 35.

133. The sums required for the administration of this Act for the fiscal year 1987-88 are taken out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the extent determined by the Government.

1987, c. 29, s. 133.

134. *(Omitted).*

1987, c. 29, s. 134.

REPEAL SCHEDULES

In accordance with section 9 of the Act respecting the consolidation of the statutes and regulations (chapter R-3), chapter 29 of the statutes of 1987, in force on 1 March 1989, is repealed, except section 134, effective from the coming into force of chapter P-9.3 of the Revised Statutes.

In accordance with section 9 of the Act respecting the consolidation of the statutes and regulations (chapter R-3), sections 11 to 13, paragraph 2 of section 63 and sections 105 to 107 of chapter 29 of the statutes of 1987, in force on 1 April 2003, are repealed effective from the coming into force of the updating to 1 April 2003 of chapter P-9.3 of the Revised Statutes.