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Bill 96

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Environment Quality Act (R.S.Q., chapter Q-2)



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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

c. Q-2,
s. 31.9, am.

1. Section 31.9 of the Environment Quality Act (R.S.Q., chapter Q-2) is amended

(1) by inserting, after subparagraph *c* of the first paragraph, the following subparagraph:

“(c.1) prescribe, in addition to the time limits mentioned in subparagraph *c*, any other time limit applicable to the environmental impact assessment and review procedure for one or more classes of projects subject to that procedure, in particular, the time limits within which the decisions of the Minister or the Government made under sections 31.2 to 31.5 must be rendered;”;

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

Extension

“The Government may, if it is of the opinion that it is warranted by the circumstances, extend in respect of a project any time limit prescribed pursuant to subparagraph *c* or *c.1* of the first paragraph.”

Exemption

2. From the coming into force of the regulatory provisions replacing the second paragraph of subparagraph *j* of the first paragraph and subparagraphs *n* and *p* of the first paragraph of section 2 of the Regulation respecting environmental impact assessment and review (R.R.Q., 1981, c. Q-2, r.9), an application for authorization made pursuant to section 22 of the Environment Quality Act before the coming into force of the aforementioned regulatory provisions and relating to projects within any of the classes of project to which the said provisions apply will be exempt from the environmental impact assessment procedure provided for in Division IV.1 of Chapter I of the said Act only if

(1) the application for authorization was made before 22 June 1995; and

(2) all information and documents required by the Act and regulations to make up the record of the application for authorization, including any supplementary information required by the Minister of the Environment and Wildlife pursuant to the last paragraph of section 22 of the Environment Quality Act, were sent to the Minister before the coming into force of the aforementioned regulatory provisions.

Time limits

In respect of every application for authorization initially submitted under section 22 of the Environment Quality Act and becoming, pursuant to the first paragraph, subject to the provisions of Division IV.1 of Chapter I of the said Act, the Minister will determine the extent to which the time running from the initial submission of the application for authorization will be taken account of for the purposes of the time limits prescribed under subparagraphs *c* and *c.1* of the first paragraph of section 31.9 of the said Act.

Coming into force

3. This Act comes into force on 22 June 1995.