

## **ADOPTION OF THE *REGULATION RESPECTING FOREST TRANSPORT CONTRACTS***

On June 7, 2000, the Québec government adopted the *Regulation respecting forest transport contracts*.<sup>1</sup> The Regulation was published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* on June 21 of this year and came into force on July 6, 2000.

The purpose of the Regulation is to prescribe the stipulations applicable to any contract for the transport of timber that has undergone no operation other than cross-cutting, limbing and barking (logs, long-length timber) from forests in the domain of the State.

The stipulations of the forest transport contract are those appearing in the model referred to in Schedule A of the *Regulation respecting forest transport contracts* and they constitute the minimum stipulations that any forest transport contract must contain. The forest transport contract must be drawn up by completing a form similar to the model appearing in Schedule A of the Regulation and must be signed by the shipper and the carrier.

The adoption of the *Regulation respecting forest transport contracts* translates the Agreement in Principle entered into in October 1999 between the most representative group of clients, the Association des manufacturiers de bois de sciage du Québec (AMBSQ) and the most representative group of independent truckers that engage in forest transport, the Association nationale des camionneurs artisans inc. (ANCAI).

The key element of the Agreement in Principle and of the *Regulation respecting forest transport contracts* is the hiring rank, which is attributed to a truck of an enterprise regardless of whether the truck's owner is a natural or legal person, or a member of an association, federation, brokerage agency, cooperative, etc.

The forest transport contracts contemplated in the Regulation constitute an agreement on the minimum rules for standardizing relations between carriers and shippers when there is a need for transport services.

For more information about the *Regulation respecting forest transport contracts*, visit our Web site, at [www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca) or call Info-camionnage at the telephone numbers appearing below.

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<sup>1</sup> This Regulation was enacted by Order in Council 708-2000 of June 7, 2000 (2000, G.O. 2, 2787).