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**An Act respecting Agropur,
Coopérative agro-alimentaire**

Introduction

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AN ACT RESPECTING AGROPUR, COOPÉRATIVE AGRO-ALIMENTAIRE

WHEREAS Agropur, Coopérative agro-alimentaire (Agropur) is a legal person established on 29 August 1938 under the Act respecting cooperative agricultural associations, and is governed by the Cooperatives Act (R.S.Q., chapter C-67.2);

Whereas Agropur carries on business and has offices in more than one Canadian province;

Whereas Agropur, in order to retain its competitiveness in a global market while remaining a cooperative, wishes to become a cooperative governed by federal law;

Whereas the Canada Cooperatives Act (S.C. 1998, chapter 1) received assent on 31 March 1998 and is to come into force on 31 December 1999;

Whereas the Canada Cooperatives Act allows bodies corporate not incorporated under that Act to apply for a certificate of continuance under the Act, if so authorized by their governing legislation;

Whereas no provision in Québec legislation authorizes the continuation of a Québec cooperative as a cooperative governed by federal law;

Whereas Agropur has undertaken to maintain in Québec, once it becomes a cooperative governed by federal law, its head office or the head office of any legal person resulting from an alteration to its structure that would operate to fundamentally change the legal status of Agropur;

Whereas it is expedient that Agropur be authorized to apply for a certificate of continuance under the Canada Cooperatives Act;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS :

1. Agropur is hereby authorized to apply for a certificate of continuance under subsection 1 of section 285 of the Canada Cooperatives Act (S.C. 1998, chapter 1), provided it maintains in Québec, once it becomes a cooperative governed by federal law, its head office or the head office of any legal person resulting from an alteration to its structure that would operate to fundamentally change the legal status of Agropur.

2. Agropur shall cease to be governed by the Cooperatives Act (R.S.Q., chapter C-67.2) as of the date indicated on the certificate of continuance.

3. This Act comes into force on the date on which the Canada Cooperatives Act comes into force.