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Bill 392

An Act to combat food waste

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this bill is to fight food waste in Québec by setting an objective of a 50% reduction in food waste by 2030. To reach that objective, the Minister is to develop a multi-year action plan and see to its implementation.

The bill also creates an obligation for processors, distributors and retailers of food products intended for human consumption to make serious efforts to enter into agreements with recognized organizations to reduce waste of unsold food products.

However, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food may determine exemption conditions, in particular for small retailers.

The bill also authorizes the Minister to compel processors, distributors and retailers of food products to enter into agreements with Recyc-Québec to manage unsold food products.

Lastly, the bill contains penal and transitional provisions.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I

ACTION PLAN

- 1.** The Minister is to develop and propose to the Government a multi-year action plan to reach the objective of a 50% reduction of food waste by 2030. The Minister sees to the implementation and coordination of the action plan.
- 2.** The Government establishes, by regulation, the indicators to be used to measure the objective of the reduction in food waste provided for in section 1.

CHAPTER II

WASTE REDUCTION AGREEMENTS

- 3.** Every processor, distributor and retailer of food products intended for human consumption must offer one or more recognized organizations the opportunity to enter into an agreement with respect to reducing waste of their unsold food products.

Offers are made on a priority basis to local and regional organizations to limit transportation and to facilitate the preservation of these food products.

The Minister may, by regulation, determine the conditions of exemption from the obligation provided for in the first paragraph, in particular for small retailers.

- 4.** Within three months of entering into an agreement, the processor, distributor or retailer of food products sends the Minister a copy of the agreement.
- 5.** The Minister establishes a list of recognized organizations. The Minister may, by regulation, determine the conditions that organizations must meet to be recognized.
- 6.** The Minister may require any processor, distributor or retailer of food products to provide, in the form and within the time the Minister determines, any information on its unsold food products, the steps taken to enter into a

waste reduction agreement or any other information the Minister considers relevant for the application of this Act.

7. The Minister may require processors, distributors or retailers of food products who, despite serious efforts made, were unable to enter into an agreement with a recognized organization to enter into an agreement to manage unsold food products with Recyc-Québec.

CHAPTER III

PENAL PROVISIONS

8. Every processor, distributor or retailer of food products who

(1) voluntarily causes food products that could otherwise have been subject to an agreement under this Act to be unfit for human consumption;

(2) fails to make serious efforts to enter into an agreement under section 3;

(3) fails to provide the information requested by the Minister under section 6;

(4) fails to provide a copy of the agreement within the time prescribed in section 4; or

(5) provides erroneous, falsified or misleading information or documents;

is liable to a fine of \$250 to \$2,000 and, for a subsequent offence, to a fine of \$750 to \$6,000.

CHAPTER IV

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

9. The Minister is required to establish the list of recognized organizations referred to in section 5 within 60 days of the coming into force of this Act.

10. Processors, distributors and retailers of food products have 18 months to comply with the requirements of this Act as of the date on which the Minister establishes the list of recognized organizations provided for in section 5.

11. The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is responsible for the administration of this Act.

12. This Act comes into force on (*insert the date that is six months after the date of assent to this Act*).