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INTRODUCTION

The *Sustainable Forest Development Act* (SFDA), assented to on April 1, 2010, brings about significant changes to the forestry regime.

Among these changes, forest management activities planned by the Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts (MRNF) will be conducted by companies holding certificates recognized by the Minister to ensure that they act in compliance with the *Politique environnementale et forestière du Secteur des opérations régionales* of the MRNF when they operate on public land.

The Minister currently recognizes two certificates: the current international standard ISO 14001 and the certification program described in this certification document. The latter offers the advantage of a turnkey product that could be more appropriate for small businesses, since it provides a defined framework and a series of documents to guide the companies' approach.

It is thus up to public forest timber harvesting companies, either within the framework of the free timber market, the exercise of a guarantee of supply, a delegation of management agreement for intra-municipal public territories and non-commercial silvicultural companies, to choose the option best suited to their situation.

NOTE — SFDA, c. 62: "Planned forest development activities are carried out by the Minister or by forest development enterprises that hold the certificates recognized by the Minister or that are registered in a program to obtain such certificates. They may also be carried out under the supervision and responsibility of an enterprise that holds the required certificates or is registered in a program to obtain such certificates."

1 PURPOSE

This certification document establishes the requirements for a certification program for companies performing timber harvesting, forest road work, camp management and non-commercial silvicultural work. This certification program aims at confirming that companies fulfill a set of fundamental requirements regarding the control of the impact of their activities on the environment.

NOTE — The certification program requires the use of forms, instructions, guidelines and other documents developed by the MRNF and provided by the BNQ as part of the program.

The certification program applies to companies that carry out planned management activities in public forests under the *Sustainable Forest Development Act* (SFDA).

NOTE — It should be mentioned that the transport of timber, whether carried out by the company or subcontracted to a given company, is excluded from the certification program. However, this activity is supervised by the laws and regulations in force.

It is important to note that the determination of the requirements of Chapter 5 and the accompanying documents presented in Chapter 2 is the exclusive responsibility of the MRNF.