54. This Regulation comes into force on the date of its publication in the Gazette officielle du Québec, except section 50 which comes into force on the date of publication in the Gazette officielle du Québec of an order in council ratifying an agreement entered into with California pursuant to section 46.14 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2).

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Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2)

Determination of annual caps on greenhouse gas emission units relating to the cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances for the 2013-2020 period

WHEREAS the Act to amend the Environment Quality Act and other legislative provisions in relation to climate change (2009, chapter 33) was assented to on 19 June 2009;

WHEREAS Order in Council 1187-2009 dated 18 November 2009 sets Québec’s greenhouse gas emission reduction target by 2020 at 20% under the level of 1990;

WHEREAS the Regulation respecting a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances (chapter Q-2, r. 46.1) was made by Order in Council 1297-2011 dated 14 December 2011;

WHEREAS paragraph 12 of section 3 of the Regulation provides that the cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances includes periods for compliance, including the first three periods from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2020;

WHEREAS section 46.7 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2) provides that in light of the targets set, the Government, by order, sets a cap on the emission units that may be granted by the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment, Wildlife and Parks;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the third paragraph of section 46.7, a notice related to the setting of annual caps for greenhouse gas emission units relating to the cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances for the 2013-2020 period was published in the Gazette officielle du Québec of 16 December 2011 with a notice that the Order in Council could be made by the Government on the expiry of 60 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to set the caps with amendments;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment, Wildlife and Parks:

THAT the caps on the emission units that may be granted by the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment, Wildlife and Parks, within the cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances, for each year covering the 2013-2020 period are set at,

— for the year 2013, 23.20 million emission units;
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— for the year 2015, 65.30 million emission units;
— for the year 2016, 63.19 million emission units;
— for the year 2017, 61.08 million emission units;
— for the year 2018, 58.96 million emission units;
— for the year 2019, 56.85 million emission units;
— for the year 2020, 54.74 million emission units.

JEAN ST-GELAIS,
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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