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## Quebec Proposes Changes to Various Alcoholic Beverages Regulations

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### **Report Highlights:**

The Quebec provincial government opened a 45 day consultation period for several proposals meant to bring modifications to a number of regulations related to the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages in the province. Interested stakeholders are encouraged to submit their comments to the relevant Quebec authorities.

## General Information:

On October 26 the Quebec provincial government announced a number of proposed changes to various regulations related to the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages in the province.

These proposed changes are posted on Quebec's Official Gazette's website:  
<http://www2.publicationsduquebec.gouv.qc.ca/home.php#> (or as [PDF file](#) )

Interested stakeholders have 45 days from the date of publication of these proposed changes to submit their comments to the relevant Quebec authorities (indicated for each proposal for a regulatory change at the links indicated above).

The proposed changes include:

1. repealing the prohibition against indicating on any promotional or advertising material, regardless of the medium used, the grape variety or the mark of origin of a table wine sold by a grocer – this proposal relates to:  
[Regulation respecting promotion, advertising and educational programs relating to alcoholic beverages](#) and  
[Regulation respecting the terms of sale of alcoholic beverages by holders of a grocery permit](#)
2. determining the duties payable for the new artisan producers cooperative permit and formalizing the duties payable for a small-scale beer producer's permit – this proposal relates to:  
[Regulation respecting the duties and costs payable under the Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec](#)
3. determining the conditions of sale of beer for consumption elsewhere, the specifications of alcoholic beverage containers and the inscriptions or indications they are required to bear – this appears to be the proposal for a new regulation
4. adding the definition of table wine and deleting the reference to certain wines with no mark of origin and with no indication of grape variety – this proposal relates to:  
[Regulation respecting the terms of sale of alcoholic beverages by holders of a grocery permit](#)