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Renewal of the public health emergency pursuant to section 119 of the Public Health Act and certain measures to protect the health of the population

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WHEREAS the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic on 11 March 2020;

WHEREAS under section 118 of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2), the Government may declare a public health emergency in all or part of the territory of Québec where a serious threat to the health of the population, whether real or imminent, requires the immediate application of certain measures provided for in section 123 of the Act to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS the pandemic constitutes a serious and real threat to the health of the population which requires the immediate application of certain measures provided for in section 123 of the Act;

WHEREAS under the first paragraph of section 119 of the Act, the public health emergency declared by the Government is effective for a maximum period of 10 days at the expiry of which it may be renewed, as many times as necessary, for a maximum period of 10 days or, with the consent of the National Assembly, for a maximum period of 30 days;

WHEREAS under section 121 of the Act, the public health emergency is effective as soon as it is declared or renewed;

WHEREAS while the public health emergency is in effect, despite any provision to the contrary, the Government or the Minister of Health and Social Services, if the Minister has been so empowered, may, without delay and without further formality, take any of the measures provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 8 of the first paragraph of section 123 of the Act to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS, by Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, the Government declared a public health emergency and took certain measures to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS the public health emergency was renewed until 29 March 2020 by Order in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020, until 7 April 2020 by Order in Council 388-2020 dated 29 March 2020 and until 16 April 2020 by Order in Council 418-2020 dated 7 April 2020;

WHEREAS, by Orders in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020 and 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020, the Government took certain measures to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS, by Ministerial Orders 2020-003 dated 14 March 2020, 2020-004 dated 15 March 2020, 2020-005 dated 17 March 2020, 2020-006 dated 19 March 2020, 2020-007 dated 21 March 2020, 2020-008 dated 22 March 2020, 2020-009 dated 23 March 2020, 2020-010 dated 27 March 2020, 2020-011 dated 28 March 2020, 2020-012 dated 30 March 2020, 2020-013 dated 1 April 2020, 2020-014 dated 2 April 2020, 2020-015 dated 4 April 2020, 2020-016 dated 7 April 2020, 2020-017 dated 8 April 2020, 2020-018 dated 9 April 2020, 2020-019 and 2020-020 dated 10 April 2020 and 2020-021 dated 14 April 2020, the Minister also took certain measures to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS it is expedient to avoid all travel to the registry offices established for the registration divisions in Québec;

WHEREAS it is expedient to renew the public health emergency for a period of 10 days;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Health and Social Services:

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THAT the public health emergency be renewed until 24 April 2020;

THAT the measures provided for in Orders in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020 and 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020 and by Ministerial Orders 2020-003 dated 14 March 2020, 2020-004 dated 15 March 2020, 2020-005 dated 17 March 2020, 2020-006 dated 19 March 2020, 2020-007 dated 21 March 2020, 2020-008 dated 22 March 2020, 2020-009 dated 23 March 2020, 2020-010 dated 27 March 2020, 2020-011 dated 28 March 2020, 2020-012 dated 30 March 2020, 2020-013 dated 1er April 2020, 2020-014 dated 2 April 2020, 2020-015 dated 4 April 2020, 2020-016 dated 7 April 2020, 2020-017 dated 8 April 2020, 2020-018 dated 9 April 2020, 2020-019 and 2020-020 dated 10 April 2020 and 2020-021 dated 14 April 2020, except to the extent that they were amended by those Orders in Council or Orders, continue to apply until 24 April 2020 or until the Government or the Minister of Health and Social Services modifies or terminates them;

THAT the Minister of Health and Social Services be empowered to take any measure provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 8 of the first paragraph of section 123 of the Public Health Act;

THAT the services currently provided by the registry offices established for the registration divisions in Québec be provided, as of 16 April 2020, by a registry office temporarily established for those registration divisions, situated at 5700, 4^e Avenue Ouest, Québec (Québec) G1H 6R1, bureau E-308, at which applications may be presented at the same times as for those registry offices;

THAT applications for registration in the land register in paper form be presented at the registry office temporarily established for those registration divisions solely by means of mail or courier service;

THAT applications for registration in the land register to be presented at registry offices established for the registration divisions in Québec by notification or service be presented by sending the application, accompanying documents and registration slip, or copies, to the email address notificationOPF@mern.gouv.qc.ca;

THAT the rules set out in articles 133 and 134 of the Code of Civil Procedure (chapter C-25.01) and Ministerial Order 4267 of the Chief Justice of Québec and the Minister of Justice dated 27 March 2020 or in another Order amending those rules apply to applications to be presented by notification or service;

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THAT consultation on the premises of registers and other documents kept in registry offices be prohibited in every registry office, including the temporarily established registry office.