

**REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
STRAWBERRY AND RASPBERRY PRODUCERS
TO THE QUEBEC STRAWBERRY AND RASPBERRY GROWERS' ASSOCIATION**

**Act respecting the marketing of agricultural,
food and fish products**
(chapter M-35.1, s. 133)

1. To cover costs associated with the duties and obligations arising from his or her accreditation, every producer must pay the Quebec Strawberry and Raspberry Growers' Association (the Association) an annual contribution of:

(1) \$300 if he or she grows strawberries or raspberries on an area of 0.2 to 0.7999 hectares;

(2) \$450 if he or she grows strawberries or raspberries on an area of 0.8 hectares or greater.

“Producer” means any person who grows strawberries or raspberries on a minimum total area of 0.2 hectares during a calendar year.

2. Notwithstanding section 1, to cover the costs associated with the duties and obligations arising from his or her accreditation, every producer member of the Fédération de la relève agricole du Québec or person who grows strawberries or raspberries exclusively according to organic production methods to whom an organic compliance certificate has been issued by a certifying body accredited by the Conseil des appellations réservées et des termes valorisants (CARTV) must pay the Association an annual contribution of:

(1) \$150 if he or she grows strawberries or raspberries on an area of 0.2 to 0.7999 hectares;

(2) \$225 if he or she grows strawberries or raspberries on an area of 0.8 hectares or greater.

A producer member of the Fédération de la relève agricole du Québec can use the contribution rate provided for in this section for a period of two consecutive years only, after which time the contribution rates provided for in section 1 apply.

3. Every producer also must pay the Association a contribution of \$124 per hectare, calculated in proportion to the area he or she has under cultivation, for promotion and research.
4. The contributions provided for in sections 1, 2 and 3 are adjusted on 1 December of each year based on the percentage change between (i) the average consumer price index in Quebec published by Statistics Canada under the Statistics Act (R.S.C., 1985, c. S-19) for the previous year and (ii) the average consumer price index in Quebec published by Statistics Canada for the year previous to the one used in (i).

The Association informs producers of the results of the indexing performed under this section by means of a notice published in Part 1 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* and by any additional means it deems appropriate.

5. Every producer must declare to the Association the total area of strawberries and raspberries under cultivation during the previous calendar year, within 30 days of a request by the Association to do so. He or she must also specify the area under organic production if applicable.

Upon request by the Association, every producer must provide a copy of the organic compliance certificate issued for his or her operation.

6. Contributions are payable 10 days after the date they are invoiced by the Association.
7. Contributions that are still unpaid 90 days after the due date bear interest at a rate of 7% per annum.
8. These regulations replace the Regulations respecting the contributions of strawberry and raspberry producers to the Quebec Strawberry and Raspberry Growers' Association (chapter M-35.1, r. 182).
9. These regulations become effective 15 days after their publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.