

Notice of coming into force

Some measures of the Act to amend the Mining Act and other provisions (2024, chapter 36)

The [Act to amend the Mining Act and other provisions](#) (hereinafter the “Act 36”), which makes a number of changes to Québec’s mining regime, was adopted in the National Assembly of Québec on November 28, 2024, and was assented to on November 29, 2024, when the amendments came into force, with exceptions.

As stated in paragraphs 5 and 11 of section 181 of Act 36, the following two measures will come into force on **May 29, 2026**.

1. Modifying a renewal application for an exclusive exploration right

Section 79 of the Mining Act is amended by section 40 of Act 36 to allow the holder to modify their application for renewal within 15 days after being notified by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forests (hereinafter “the Minister”) that the work performed is insufficient to allow for the renewal of their exclusive exploration right.

This amendment reduces the administrative burden on the exclusive exploration right holder and the Minister.

Until now, when there was insufficient work to renew a exclusive exploration right, a new application had to be submitted, or the Minister herself had to make the modification.

2. Perimeter of the non-exclusive lease to extract surface mineral substances

Section 63 of Act 36 introduces new section 141.1 into the Mining Act to clarify that a non-exclusive lease can now only be for a single loose deposit of mineral substances in their natural state.

This new section also provides that the perimeter of the non-exclusive lease shall be limited to the territory authorized or declared in accordance with the [Environmental Quality Act](#), and that this perimeter shall be registered in the public register of real and immovable mining rights.

Until now, the perimeter was determined by the Minister upon receipt of a lease application and could cover more than one loose deposit in its natural state.

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