Quebecers may now bring into Québec certain quantities of alcoholic beverages purchased elsewhere in Canada

Québec City, July 24, 2014 – Québec Minister of Finance Carlos Leitão and Deputy Premier and Minister of Public Security Lise Thériault today announced the adoption of a new regulation to authorize individuals to transport into Québec alcoholic beverages purchased in another province or territory of Canada for their personal consumption.

The Regulation respecting the possession and transportation into Québec of alcoholic beverages acquired in another province or a territory of Canada sets the maximum quantities at 9 L of wine (the equivalent of 12 750-mL bottles), 3 L of spirits and 24.6 L of beer (the equivalent of three cases of 24 bottles), i.e. the same quantities as those allowed in Ontario.

“Québec was the only province that did not allow residents to possess and transport a quantity of alcoholic beverages purchased elsewhere in Canada. A recent amendment to the Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec and the relaxation announced by the federal government in provisions in the Importation of Intoxicating Liquors Act have enabled us to remedy the situation,” Minister Leitão explained.

“Our government wants regulations on the transportation of alcohol to reflect current conditions. The initiative will, from now on, allow Québec consumers to bring back for their own consumption alcoholic beverages purchased in the other Canadian provinces, as they could already do when they returned to Canada from abroad,” Minister Thériault added.

However, Minister Leitão emphasized that the prohibition on having alcohol delivered from another Canadian province remains in force, unless the Société des alcools du Québec acts as the intermediary.

“The Société des alcools du Québec is a world leader in the selection and sale of wine and spirits and allows Quebecers to make purchases that satisfy their most exacting demands,” Minister Leitão concluded.

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