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This Cannabis Project Information Sheet, No. 3, is intended to provide information on the development regarding the legalization of recreational cannabis.

Provincial Cannabis Bill 157 has been adopted

Bill 157, an Act to constitute the Société québécoise du cannabis (SQDC), to enact the Cannabis Regulation Act and to amend various highway safety-related provisions, was adopted on June 12. The Cannabis Regulation Act should come into force at the same time as federal Bill C-45 on **October 17, 2018**.

Federal Bill C-45 to provide legal access to cannabis has been adopted

Bill C-45 to provide legal access to cannabis was adopted by the Senate on June 19, 2018. It received royal assent on June 21, 2018. **The official date of coming into force is October 17, 2018**, in order to give all authorities involved time to prepare for the implementation of the legalization. Canada will become the first G7 country to legalize cannabis at national level.

Federal Bill C-46: An Act to amend the Criminal Code (offences relating to conveyances) has been adopted

Bill C-46 received royal assent on June 21, 2018, and will be deployed in two phases. **Phase 1 is already in force until December 17, 2018**. In addition to the new offences regarding the blood drug concentration, this phase also provides that police officers have now the power to demand a blood sample for drug impaired driving. In practice, given that Quebec has yet to determine the person who will be authorized to collect the blood sample outside hospitals, this type of demand could generally only take place in cases where the person is already at the hospital.

The Act also provides for the possibility to use an oral fluid drug screening device. However, no device has been approved yet.

The rights card will be modified accordingly.

Updating of already existing courses: the Physical Coordination Tests (SER-1049) course has been revised!

- In order to adapt to the new realities regarding drug-impaired driving investigations and to prepare for the legalization of cannabis, the *Physical Coordination Tests* course has been revised. The update integrates the 3-phase working method inspired by the *Drug Evaluation and Classification Program* that is now taught at national level. In addition to the course manual being entirely rewritten, a new activity was also added. The new version of this course will be available this fall.

Training development: 2 new courses are almost ready!

The development of two of the training courses (highlighted in yellow) presented in the Cannabis Project Information Sheet, No. 2, is almost completed. The courses are the following:

- C-45 Legal Framework and Bill 157 : Introduction to Cannabis
- Impaired Driving Investigation Refresher

Phase 1: Legal Framework Changes + Training on Impaired Driving Investigation (Powers and Duties)

Training	Content	Scheduled Start of Training	Planned Duration	Delivery Method
1.1 C-45 Legal Framework (+ Bill 157)	« Introduction to cannabis » In collaboration with RCMP and CPKN	August 2018	1-2 hours	Online (10-15 min blocks)
1.2 C-46 Legal Framework (+ Bill 157)	Amendment relating to the powers and duties with respect to impaired driving	October 2018	½ day	At ENPQ and in police organizations (off-campus and decentralized)
1.3. Impaired Driving Investigation Refresher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7 drug categories (with emphasis on cannabis) ▪ Decision-making – Intervention plan ▪ 3-phase process 	October 2018	½ day	At ENPQ and in police organizations (off-campus and decentralized)

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