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The Consolidated Regulations of British Columbia (“Consolidated Regulations”) include current regulations deposited under the *Regulations Act* except for the following:

- regulations that are of limited application or expired or may no longer have effect;
- regulations made under Acts that are still in effect but were not included in the 1996 revision of statutes;
- regulations that affect statutes;
- regulations that establish reserves under the *Mineral Tenure Act* or *Coal Act*, or that designate placer lease land under the *Mineral Tenure Act*;
- regulations filed under a previous *Regulations Act* that do not meet the definition of “regulation” under the current *Regulations Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 402.

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### **Currency Date and Last Amended Information**

The currency date is the date to which that consolidation is current and appears on the cover and at the bottom of each page. This date will be updated periodically, whether or not the regulation has been amended. A consolidation includes any amendments deposited and in force as of the currency date at the bottom of each page.

If a regulation contains a provision stating that the regulation, or a part of it, comes into force on a date that is earlier than the date of deposit, a consolidation containing those retroactive amendments will not be made to that date, but the amendments will be included in the most recent consolidation.

The regulation cover page shows, under the Act title and the regulation title and number, the date the regulation was last amended and the B.C. Reg. number of that amendment.

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The B.C. Reg. number for the most recent amendment to the regulation will also be indicated if different.

To determine if a regulation has been amended after the currency date, please contact Queen's Printer for a physical copy of the Gazette, or refer to the following online resources at [www.bclaws.ca](http://www.bclaws.ca):

- weekly B.C. Regulations Bulletins and cumulative bulletin for each year;
- *The British Columbia Gazette, Part II* (unofficial version);
- Index of B.C. Regulations.

### **Document Information**

The information at the top of the inside cover page summarizes

- when the regulation was originally deposited and effective,
- the statutory authority under which it is made, and
- the enacting authority that made it.

The enacting authority is the body that makes the regulation and will appear after the regulation number as one of the following:

- if the regulation is an order in council made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the order in council number preceded by "O.C.";
- if the regulation is made by ministerial order, the ministerial order number preceded by "M";
- if the regulation was made by an enacting authority other than a member of the executive council (cabinet minister) or the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the name of the enacting authority.

The following example is taken from the Electrical Safety Regulation:

B.C. Reg. 100/2004 (M58/2004), deposited March 23, 2004 and effective April 1, 2004, is made under the *Safety Standards Act*, S.B.C. 2003, c. 39, s. 88.

In this example, the regulation was the 100th in 2004, and the ministerial order was the 58th in 2004, made by the minister responsible for the *Safety Standards Act*, which is the statutory authority for the regulation.

### **Table of Contents**

Most regulations include a table of contents, located before the body of the regulation.

### **Amendments and Repeals Not in Force**

The full text of any amendments deposited before the currency date but not effective until after that currency date is located after the regulation in the same PDF document as an Amendment or Repeal Not in Force.

### **Other Reference Information**

The following information is included in a regulation but is not part of the regulation and must be considered to have been added editorially for convenience of reference only:

- marginal notes, which are descriptions in bold type above each section;
- historical notes, which follow a section or a Schedule or Appendix heading, list amendments and whether the provision was added or re-enacted after the regulation was made. However, amended or repealed sections in a Schedule don't usually have historical notes.

*Example:*

[am. B.C. Reg. 243/2015, Sch. 1, s. 1.]

In this example, the provision this note relates to has been amended only once, by section 1 of Schedule 1 of B.C. Reg. 243/2015.