

Refundable Tax Credit for Film or Television Production Services

Clarification concerning amendments to Approval Certificates and Advance Rulings

The General Directorate for Financing and Tax Credits at SODEC would like to clarify the circumstances in which it is necessary to amend an Approval Certificate or an Advance Ruling delivered with respect to a production eligible for the refundable Tax Credit for Film or Television Production Services.

The role of SODEC is to determine, in accordance with the criteria set out in the *Act Respecting the Sectoral Parameters of Certain Fiscal Measures* (CQLR, c. P-5.1), whether a production qualifies as an eligible production and then to issue required certificates so that the company can file a claim for a refundable tax credit with Revenu Québec.

The Approval Certificate and Advance Ruling must be amended when there are changes in the ownership of the copyright. An Advance Ruling must be amended when the nature of an eligible production has been modified, specifically with respect to its category, format or number of episodes, or when there are changes in qualification relating to computer-aided special effects and animation activities, including the shooting of scenes in front of a chromatic-screen (chroma-key), as well as when there have been changes in key positions.

To clarify further, SODEC does not amend an Advance Ruling in any way when the only change has been to production expenses, since it is up to Revenu Québec to determine which are eligible production costs for services provided in Québec and directly attributable to the completion of the qualified production, that have been incurred and paid by the eligible corporation.

For further information, we invite you to contact the tax credit officer assigned to your file.

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