

## Public Notice

### CLASS ACTION – RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAMS

#### *Regroupement des comités logement et associations de locataires du Québec v. Société d'habitation du Québec*

REIMBURSEMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION FOR THE PROVISION OF A STOVE AND/OR A REFRIGERATOR – RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM AND RENT SUPPLEMENT EMERGENCY PROGRAM OF THE SOCIÉTÉ D'HABITATION DU QUÉBEC

A class action was launched against the Société d'habitation du Québec (SHQ) because the SHQ had unlawfully reduced the subsidy for rent granted as part of the Rent supplement programs for the provision of a stove and/or refrigerator which were included in the residential lease.

The Superior Court of Québec condemned the SHQ to pay \$1,194 816 plus interest and additional indemnity. **The members of this class action may now submit their claim.**

The legal fees are reduced of the total amount of the condemnation that will be distributed to members.

#### WHO CAN MAKE A CLAIM?

- You received the Rent supplement Program subsidy or the Rent supplement Emergency Program subsidy for a minimum of one full month since July, 1<sup>st</sup> 2004 **and**
- The SHQ reduced your subvention by adding a monthly charge to your contribution to the rent in exchange for a stove and/or a refrigerator for a minimum of one month.

#### HOW TO MAKE CLAIM?

- Complete a Claim Form available at: [www.rclalq.qc.ca](http://www.rclalq.qc.ca), [www.habitation.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.habitation.gouv.qc.ca), [www.collectiva.ca](http://www.collectiva.ca), or at the Montreal Courthouse's registry.
- Attach to your Claim Form the SHQ Subsidy calculation form(s) that determined your contribution to the rent.
- Mail the Claim Form and the SHQ Subsidy calculation form(s) to the Claims Administrator at the address mentioned below.
- In the event that you do not have the SHQ Subsidy calculation form(s), mail only the Claim Form and the Claims Administrator will do the appropriate verifications in the files of the SHQ or its authorized representatives.

THE MINISTÈRE DU TRAVAIL, DE L'EMPLOI ET DE LA SOLIDARITÉ SOCIALE DU QUÉBEC CONSIDERS THAT THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO THE STOVE OR REFRIGERATOR HAS NO IMPACT ON THE CALCULATION OF THE LAST RESORT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## DO YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

You can contact the Claims Administrator, the RCLALQ or the lawyers of the class action at the addresses listed below:

**Collectiva**, class action services inc. *RCLALQ c. Société d'habitation du Québec*, 285, Place d'Youville, #9, Montréal (Québec) H2Y 2A4, Tel. : 514-287-1000 ou 1-800-287-8587, [info@collectiva.ca](mailto:info@collectiva.ca), fax : 514-287-1617

**Me Karin Wollank**, 6385, rue Sherbrooke est, bur. 206, Montréal (Québec), H1N 1C4, Tel. : ou 514-866-3203, fax : 1-888-332-6006, [wollank@hotmail.com](mailto:wollank@hotmail.com)

**RCLALQ**, 2000, boul. Saint-Joseph Est, Local 35, Montréal (Québec), H2H 1E4, Tel. : 514-521-7114, 1-866-521-7114, [rclalq@rclalq.qc.ca](mailto:rclalq@rclalq.qc.ca), fax : 514-521-0948

## FULL TEXT OF THE NOTICE

The full text of the notice is available at the registry of the Superior Court, on the Société d'habitation du Québec's website ([www.habitation.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.habitation.gouv.qc.ca)) and on the RCLALQ's website ([www.rclalq.qc.ca](http://www.rclalq.qc.ca)). In the event of discrepancy between the summary and the full text of the notice, the latter prevails.

**Publication of this notice has been ordered by the Court**