

Québec's new language law changes

Action checklist for compliance

Trademark compliance review

- Inventory all trademarks** used in Québec operations and identify high-risk compliance gaps
- Identify generic/descriptive elements** (words like “restaurant”, “services”, “premium”) **and review if excluded elements form part of the name of the product as sold** or another exception
- Start translation process** for key trademarks with descriptive or generic terms
- Update brand guidelines** to reflect new requirements
- Review product labeling and packaging** for compliance

Signage updates

- Identify all exterior signage** to ensure French is markedly predominant
- Review internal public-facing signs** (directories, promotional displays)
- Photograph compliant signage** for records

Advertising & marketing

- Audit current advertising campaigns** (print, digital)
- Review website content** targeting Québec customers
- Check social media graphics and posts**
- Update marketing templates** with compliant trademark usage
- Train team** on new compliance requirements with tips on choosing trademarks going forward