

Q.34 To support the analysis, we are seeking to better understand the difference between the Consolidated Regulations available on <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/> and the regulations published in the Canada Gazette (available at <http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/publications-eng.html>).

- The Justice Laws Website provides a consolidation, or updated version, of the federal Acts and regulations maintained by the Department of Justice as a convenient way for the public to view the state of the law, without having to carry out research and put together the various amended provisions. (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/FAQ/#g1>)
- The Canada Gazette Part II publishes the official enacted versions of the regulations. (<http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/publications-eng.html#a2>)

Please note that the Frequently Asked Questions page on the Justice Laws Website will help vendors with questions concerning the consolidation.

<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/FAQ/>

Our interpretation of the description provided on <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-20/section-31.html> is that the Consolidated Regulations are “evidence” and if there are inconsistencies between the Consolidated Regulations and the regulations published in the Canada Gazette that the regulations in the Canada Gazette prevails.

In order to enhance the quality of our analysis and the demo, could you please clarify:

- In this context, what does the Government of Canada mean when it states that “published consolidation is evidence” on <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-20/section-31.html>? Does the term “evidence” have a particular meaning that users should be aware of?
- This means that the consolidation on the Justice Laws Website is official. (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/FAQ/#g9>)
- What are the key differences between the Consolidated Regulations and the regulations published in the Canada Gazette? What, if any, key gaps are there between the Consolidated Regulations and the regulations published in the Canada Gazette?

Same as the top question. The Canada Gazette published the enacted versions of the regulations. The consolidation maintains updated versions of the regulations with amendments incorporated into the documents.

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- How does the Government of Canada suggest users navigate these two data sources? For example, are the Consolidated Regulations targeted to a certain type of user based on their specific user needs while the regulations published in the Canada Gazette are targeted to a different type of user?

From a “user’s” perspective, does the Government of Canada expect regulated entities to use the Consolidated Regulations or the Canada Gazette to determine their regulatory obligations?

- The two sources offer different versions of the regulations. The Gazette source only has the enacted versions of both new and amending regulations. The consolidation will have the updated versions of the regulations by continuing to incorporate ongoing amendments into the regulations.