

TOBACCO INDUSTRY CLASS ACTIONS

**NOTICE TO CLASS MEMBERS
AUTHORIZED MODIFICATIONS TO THE GROUPS**

CANADA PROVINCE OF QUEBEC DISTRICT OF MONTREAL		SUPERIOR COURT (Class actions)	
N° 500-06-000076-980 CONSEIL QUÉBÉCOIS SUR LE TABAC ET LA SANTÉ -and- JEAN-YVES BLAIS Plaintiffs v. IMPERIAL TOBACCO LIMITED -and- ROTHMANS, BENSON & HEDGES INC. -and- JTI-MACDONALD CORP. Defendants	N° 500-06-000070-983 CÉCILIA LÉTOURNEAU Plaintiff v. IMPERIAL TOBACCO LIMITED -and- ROTHMANS, BENSON & HEDGES INC. -and- JTI-MACDONALD CORP. Defendants		
<p>TAKE NOTICE that by judgment rendered on July 3, 2013, by Judge Brian Riordan of the Superior Court of Quebec, the description of the groups in both class actions instituted against Imperial Tobacco Limited, Rothmans Benson & Hedges Inc. and JTI-MacDonald Corp. in the judicial district of Montreal has been modified to read as follows :</p>			
In the Blais group : “The group is composed of all persons residing in Quebec who satisfy the following criteria: 1) To have smoked, before November 20, 1998, a minimum of 5 pack/years of cigarettes made by the defendants (that is the equivalent of a minimum of 36 500 cigarettes, namely any combination of the number of cigarettes smoked per day multiplied by the number of days of consumption insofar as the total is equal or greater than 36500 cigarettes). For example, 5 pack/years equals: 20 cigarettes per day for 5 years (20 X 365 X 5 = 36500) or 25 cigarettes per day for 4 years (25 X 365 X 4 = 36500) or 10 cigarettes per day for 10 years (10 X 365 X 10 = 36500) or 5 cigarettes per day for 20 years (5 X 365 x 20 = 36500) or	In the Létourneau group : “The group is composed of all persons residing in Quebec who, as of September 30, 1998, were addicted to the nicotine contained in the cigarettes made by the defendants and who otherwise satisfy the following criteria: 1) They started to smoke before September 30, 1994 by smoking the defendants’ cigarettes ; 2) They smoked the cigarettes made by the defendants on a daily basis by September 30, 1998, that is at least one cigarette per day during the 30 days preceding that date; and 3) They still smoked the defendants’ cigarettes on February 21, 2005, or until their death if it occurred before this date. The group also includes the heirs of the members who satisfy the criteria described herein.”		

<p>50 cigarettes per day for 2 years (50 X 365 X 2 = 36500)</p> <p>2) To have been diagnosed before March 12, 2012 with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Lung cancer or b) Cancer (squamous cell carcinoma) of the throat, that is to say of the larynx, the oropharynx or the hypopharynx or c) Emphysema. <p>The group also includes the heirs of the persons deceased after November 20, 1998 who satisfied the criteria mentioned herein.”</p>	
<p>Only the members included in either of the groups, as modified by the July 3, 2013 judgment, will be able to assert their rights against the tobacco manufacturers. These members will be bound by any judgment to be rendered in these class actions and will eventually benefit from such judgment, unless they exclude themselves by notifying the Clerk of the Superior Court of the district of Montreal, at 1, Notre-Dame East, Montreal, Quebec, H2Y 1B6, before December 31, 2013. Only those who do not want to be included in the present class actions have to notify the Clerk, otherwise there is nothing to do for the time being.</p> <p>This Notice is issued while the trial continues and the Court has made no finding of liability against any party.</p>	
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