

DID YOU PURCHASE PRE-PACKAGED BREAD IN QUÉBEC BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2001 AND DECEMBER 19, 2019?

IF YES, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY A JUDGMENT RENDERED IN A CLASS ACTION.

What is this class action about?

This class action proceeding was commenced in Québec, in the District of Montréal (*Govan vs. Loblaw Companies Limited et al.* 500-06-000888-178) in which it is alleged that the Defendants conspired to artificially increase, each year (since 2001), the price of pre-packaged bread sold in Canada. The Defendants deny the Plaintiff's claims and allegations, which have not been proven.

On December 19, 2019, the Superior Court of Québec authorized the class action against the Defendants on behalf of all persons, partnerships and associations resident in Québec who purchased at least one package of bread in between January 1, 2001 and December 19, 2019.

The word "bread" means bread products and bread alternatives, produced or retailed by any of the Defendants, excluding bread frozen when sold and bread baked on-site in the establishment where it is retailed.

A detailed long form notice is available at www.lpclex.com/bread

The Defendants in this action are:

The wholesale bakers:

- George Weston Limited, Weston Food Distribution Inc., Weston Foods (Canada) Inc.
- Canada Bread Company Limited

The grocery retailers:

- Loblaw Companies Limited, Loblaws Inc.
- Metro inc.
- Sobeys Québec inc., Sobeys Capital Incorporated, Sobeys Inc. (d.b.a. IGA)
- Wal-Mart Canada Corp.

- Giant Tiger Stores Limited

What happens now?

The option to opt out

Class members have a right to opt out of class actions. If you opt out, you will not be authorized to participate or to receive money in the present class action, but you may commence or continue your own action against the Defendants regarding the claims at issue.

If you do nothing, you will be permitted to participate in the present class action and you could receive money, but you cannot commence or continue your own action against the Defendants regarding the claims at issue.

If you wish to opt out, you must submit a written notice of opting-out at the latest on **June 1st, 2020**, by registered or certified mail to the Clerk of the Superior Court for the District of Montréal at 1 Notre Dame Street East, Montreal, Quebec, H2Y 1B6.

Right to intervene

You have the right to seek intervenor status in the class action. No class member other than the representative plaintiff or an intervenor may be required to pay legal costs arising from the class action.

Do you have any other questions?

For further information, you may contact class counsel identified below. Your name and any information provided will be kept confidential. Please do not contact the Defendants, or the judges of the Superior Court.

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**THE PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE TO CLASS MEMBERS HAS BEEN APPROVED
AND ORDERED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT OF QUÉBEC.**