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Regulations and other acts

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**Order of the Minister of Transport dated
11 March 2004**

Highway Safety Code
(R.S.Q., c. C-24.2)

RESPECTING the delineation of the thaw zones and the determination of the annual thaw periods for the year 2004

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT,

CONSIDERING under section 419 of the Highway Safety Code (R.S.Q., c. C-24.2) which the Minister of Transport may, by order published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* to determine zones where highway traffic is restricted or forbidden for vehicles as designated by him because of thaw, rain, erosion or flood, and the periods when such measures are applicable;

CONSIDERING the Vehicle Load and Size Limits Regulation made under paragraphs 17 and 18 of section 621 of the Highway Safety Code which are determined, for various categories of road vehicles and combinations of road vehicles, the weight limits applicable during the thaw;

CONSIDERING it is expedient to delineate, again, the thaw zones which were determined before by the minister without modifying them in a significant way and to specify date and hour of the beginning and the end of the thaw periods for the year 2004;

ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. Demarcation of the thaw zones

Are delineated three thaw zones where traffic of road vehicles and combinations of road vehicles is restricted because of the annual thaw:

Zone 1

This zone includes the Québec territory located south of the following line of demarcation, known as the “demarcation line of zones 1 and 2”:

From the intersection point of the median line of the Ottawa River (Québec-Ontario border) with the extension of the median line of the Schyan River in the municipality of Sheen-Esher-Aberdeen-et-Malakoff;

From there, eastward, a straight line to the intersection of the Picanoc River and Highway 105 in Ville de Gracefield;

From there, eastward, a straight line to the intersection of Autoroute 15 and Highway 329 in the municipality of Ville de Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts;

From there, northeastward, a straight line to the intersection of Highways 155 and 159 in the municipality of Paroisse de Saint-Roch-de-Mékinac;

From there, northeastward, a straight line to the intersection of the southwestern limit of the municipality of Rivière-à-Pierre and the northwestern limit of the municipality of Notre-Dame-de-Montauban;

From there, northeastward, the extension of this line to its intersection with the southwestern limit of the Portneuf wildlife reserve;

From there, in a general eastward direction, following the perimeter of the said wildlife reserve counterclockwise to its intersection with the northwestern limit of Ville de Saint-Raymond;

From there, northeastward, then southeastward and northeastward, following the northwestern and northeastern limits of Ville de Saint-Raymond and then the northwestern limit of the municipality of Saint-Gabriel-de-Valcartier to its intersection with the southwestern limit of the Laurentides wildlife reserve;

From there, southeastward, and then in a general northeastward direction, following the perimeter of the Laurentides wildlife reserve counterclockwise to its intersection with the western limit of the Jacques-Cartier conservation park;

From there, in general southeastward, northeastward and southeastward directions, following the perimeter of the Jacques-Cartier conservation park counterclockwise to its intersection with the southwestern limit of the Laurentides wildlife reserve;

From there, southeastward, along the southwestern limit of the Laurentides wildlife reserve to its intersection with the southeastern limit of the Highway 175 right-of-way;

From there, southeastward, in a straight line to the intersection of Highway 138 with the northeastern limit of Ville de Beauré;

From there, southeastward, the extension of this line to its intersection with the median line of the arm of the Saint Lawrence River located north of île d'Orléans;

From there, in a general northeastward direction, successively following the median line of the said northern arm of the Saint Lawrence River, the median line of the river to the southwestern limit of the municipality of Saint-Alexandre-de-Kamouraska and then a straight line to the southwestern tip of île aux Lièvres;

From there, northeastward in a straight line to the intersection of Autoroute 20 with the northeastern limit of Ville de Rivière-du-Loup;

From there, in a general southward direction, following the perimeter of Ville de Rivière-du-Loup clockwise to its intersection with the northeastern limit of the Highway 185 right-of-way;

From there, in a general southeastward direction, following the generally northeastern limit of the Highway 185 right-of-way to its intersection with the New Brunswick border.

Zone 2

This zone includes Îles-de-la-Madeleine and the Québec territory contained between the “demarcation line of zones 1 and 2” heretofore described and the next line, known as the “demarcation line of zones 2 and 3”:

From the intersection point of the 48th parallel and the Ontario border;

From there, southeastward, in a straight line to the intersection of Route 101 and the southern limit of Ville de Rouyn-Noranda;

From there, eastward, in a straight line to the Rapide-Sept hydroelectric dam;

From there, eastward, in a straight line to the intersection of Highway 117 with the northern limit of the La Vérendrye wildlife reserve;

From there, eastward, in a straight line to the intersection of Route 167 with the southern limit of the Ashuapmushuan wildlife reserve;

From there, in a general northwestward direction, following the perimeter of the said wildlife reserve counterclockwise to its intersection with the northwestern limit of the municipality of Saint-Thomas-Didyme;

From there, northeastward, following the northwestern, southwestern, northern and northeastern limits of the municipality of Saint-Thomas-Didyme, and then the generally northwestern limits of the municipalities of Saint-Edmond, Girardville and Notre-Dame-de-Lorette to its intersection with the northeastern limit of the municipality of Notre-Dame-de-Lorette;

From there, eastward, in a straight line to the Manic Three hydroelectric dam;

From there, northeastward, in a straight line to a point located on the 51st parallel, 60 metres from the shore of lac Caron (intersection of the northern and western limits of the Port-Cartier-Sept-Îles wildlife reserve);

From there, eastward, along the 51st parallel, to a point located 60 metres east of the Sainte-Marguerite River (intersection of the northern and eastern limits of the said reserve);

From there, eastward, in a straight line to the intersection of the 52nd parallel with the eastern limit of the Province of Québec, north of Blanc-Sablon.

Zone 3

This zone includes the Québec territory located north of the “demarcation line of zones 2 and 3” heretofore described.

2. Determination of thaw periods for the year 2004

Are specified date and hour of the beginning and the end of the thaw periods for the year 2004:

1° for zone 1, from March 15, 00:01, to May 15, 00:01;

2° for zone 2, from March 22, 00:01, to May 22, 00:01;

3° for zone 3, from March 29, 00:01, to May 29, 00:01.

3. Effectiveness of the present order

The present order will be effective from the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*. It may be supplemented by other orders as necessary to adjust to an unforeseeable early or late beginning or an unforeseeable early or late ending of the thaw period.

Québec, 11 March 2004

YVON MARCOUX,
Minister of Transport

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