

Regulations and other acts

M.O., 1996

Order of the Minister of Transport

RESPECTING the thaw periods for 1996 to 2000

Highway Safety Code
(R.S.Q., c. C-24.2, s. 419)

WHEREAS under section 419 of the Highway Safety Code (R.S.Q., c. C-24.2), the Minister of Transport may, by an order published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, determine the locations where the movement of all or some road vehicles designated by him is restricted or prohibited by reason of thawing, rain, erosion or flooding and the periods during which such measures apply;

WHEREAS the Vehicle Load and Size Limits Regulation made under paragraphs 17 and 18 of section 621 of the Highway Safety Code determines, for various classes of road vehicles and combinations of road vehicles, the weight limits applicable during the thaw;

WHEREAS annual thaw periods may be determined with reasonable accuracy and it is advisable that they be known in advance so as to ensure better planning of highway trucking for such periods;

WHEREAS, in the Minister's Order of 23 February 1996 published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* on 25 February 1996, the Minister of Transport determined 3 thaw zones and he fixed, in respect of zones 2 and 3, the annual thaw periods for the years 1996 to 2000 and, for zone 1, the annual thaw period for the years 1997 to 2000;

WHEREAS by that Minister's Order of 23 February 1996, the Minister of Transport fixed an early thaw period in respect of zone 1 for the year 1996;

WHEREAS it is expedient to interrupt the early thaw period ordered by the Minister's Order of 23 February 1996 in respect of zone 1 and to fix the annual thaw period of that zone for the year 1996 from 15 March, 00:01 a.m. to 12 May, 00:01 a.m.;

THEREFORE, the Minister of Transport orders the end of the early thaw period in respect of zone 1 for the year 1996, from 4 March 1996, 00:01 a.m. and fixes, for the year 1996, the annual thaw period of that zone, from 15 March 00:01 a.m. to 12 May 00:01 a.m.

This Minister's Order takes effect from the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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