

Regulations and other acts

M.O., 1998

Order of the Minister of Transport

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

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting traffic control devices

CONSIDERING that section 289 of the Highway Safety Code (R.S.Q., c. C-24.2) enables the Minister of Transport to prescribe specifications for road or traffic signs and rules for their installation;

CONSIDERING that the Regulation respecting traffic control devices made by the Order of the Minister of Transport dated 24 November 1989 and amended by the Regulations made by the Minister's Orders dated 31 October 1991, 15 December 1992, 21 November 1995 and 17 April 1997;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to amend the Regulation respecting traffic control devices to specify that signs indicating a truck weigh station ahead include the obligation for trucks, tow trucks and special mobile equipment to stop at the station so that the required inspections may be carried out;

CONSIDERING that under section 12 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), a draft Regulation may be made without having been published as prescribed in section 8 of that Act, where the authority making it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

CONSIDERING that under section 18 of that Act, a regulation may come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, where the authority making it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

CONSIDERING that under sections 13 and 18 of that Act, the reason justifying the absence of prior publication and such coming into force shall be published with the regulation;

CONSIDERING that the Minister of Transport is of the opinion that the absence of prior publication and such coming into force of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting traffic control devices, attached

to this Minister's Order, are justified by the urgency due to the following circumstances:

— Justice Jerry Zigman of the Superior Court of Québec has decided that, according to current legislation, road signs indicating a truck weigh station ahead do not carry the obligation for truckers to stop there;

— During the annual thaw period, which started on 5 March 1998 in most of the territory, it is necessary to make the weighing of trucks compulsory to prevent road damage;

THEREFORE, the Minister of Transport hereby makes the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting traffic control devices, the text of which is attached to this Minister's Order.

Québec, 10 March 1998

JACQUES BRASSARD,
Minister of Transport

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(R.S.Q. c. C-24.2, s. 289)

1. The Regulation respecting traffic control devices, made by the Order of the Minister of Transport dated 24 November 1989 and amended by the Regulations made by the Minister's Orders dated 31 October 1991, 15 December 1992, 21 December 1995 and 17 April 1997, is further amended by substituting the following for section 59:

“**59.** Truck Weigh Station signs (P-240-1) and (P-240-2) indicate a truck weigh station where drivers of trucks, tow trucks and special mobile equipment must direct their vehicle to have the required inspections carried out.

A white background P-240-1 sign bears a black border and outline of a truck on a weigh scale, and conforms to Schedule P-2.

A white background P-240-2 sign bears a black border and on the left side of the sign, the black outline of a truck on a weigh scale and an arrow, and on the right side of the sign, the message “Ouvvert quand les feux

clignotent”, in black, with two alternately flashing amber lights, and conforms to Schedule P-2. In such case, the driver is required to drive his vehicle to the truck weigh station only when the lights are flashing.

P-240-1 and P-240-4 tab signs shall be affixed to P-240-1 signs to indicate the distance, the direction and whether the weigh station is open or closed.

2. This Order comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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