

some vehicles formerly considered to be trucks or special mobile equipment, whereas tool vehicles are henceforth defined under section 4 of the Highway Safety Code, as amended by section 55 of chapter 40 of the Statutes of 1998.

The draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects changes subparagraph *c* of paragraph 2 of section 5 so as to be coherent with the new definitions of truck, equipment transport vehicle and tool vehicle, without raising fees for their users.

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Any person wishing to make comments on the matter must forward them in written form, before expiry of the 45-day period, to the Chairman and CEO of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 333 boulevard Jean-Lesage, N-6-2, P.O. Box 19600, Québec, QC, G1K 8J6.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects*

Highway Safety Code
(R.S.Q., c. C-24.2, s. 624, par. 9 of the first par.)

1. Section 5 of the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects is amended by substituting the following for subparagraph *c* of paragraph 2:

“(c) trucks and equipment transport vehicles as defined in the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration, as well as tool vehicles, that are designated by a

peace officer under paragraph 10 of section 521 of the Highway Safety Code;”.

2. This regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Regulation

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

Road vehicle registration — Amendments

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

Section 4 of the Highway Safety Code, as amended by section 55 of Chapter 40 of the Statutes of 1998, now defines “tool vehicle” (*véhicule-outil*) and “tow truck” (*dépanneuse*), thereby replacing the terms “special mobile equipment” and “tow truck” defined by the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration and by the Regulation respecting insurance contributions. Since the definition of tool vehicle excludes some types of cranes and compressors, the rate for a truck would be applied to them, whereas cranes and compressors are similar to tool vehicles with respect to road use. Furthermore, vehicles equipped with well-drills or concrete pumps are charged the rate for trucks, whereas they are similar to tool vehicles with respect to road use.

Therefore, a definition is proposed for “equipment transport vehicle” to cover cranes, compressors, and vehicles equipped with well-drills or concrete pumps, and to set the appropriate registration fee and the fee required to retain the right to use the vehicle, based on its net weight, as is the case for tool vehicles. The draft Regulation also amends the definitions of truck, tow truck, commercial vehicle and tool vehicle to ensure their harmonization with the Regulation respecting insurance contributions and section 4 of the Highway Safety Code. It also proposes that the fees payable for the right to operate a tow truck apply to trucks used solely for towing a maximum of two vehicles at a time.

In order to obtain a single trip certificate under the draft Regulation, the owner of a road vehicle of more

* The last amendment to the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects, approved by Order in Council 646-91 dated 8 May 1991 (1991, *G.O.* 2, 1695), was made by the regulation approved by O. C. 799-98 dated 10 June 1998 (1998, *G.O.* 2, 2224). For prior amendments, see the Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1998, updated to 1 September 1998.

than 3 000 kg must be registered in the Registre des propriétaires et des exploitants de véhicules lourds.

Furthermore, a floater licence plate (“X” plate) may be affixed to an equipment transport vehicle or a tool vehicle for demonstration purposes by a dealer, a manufacturer or an automotive body maker. Lastly, the amendments will make the terminology consistent with the Act respecting owners and operators of heavy vehicles (1998, c. 40).

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Any interested person having comments to make on the matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the Minister of Transport, 700, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5H1.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration*

Highway Safety Code
(R.S.Q., c. C-24.2, s. 618, pars. 2, 4, 8, 12, 13, 13.1, and ss. 619.1 and 619.3, 1st par., subpar. 1 and 2nd par.)

1. Section 2 of the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration is amended

(1) by substituting the following for the definition of “truck”:

““truck” means a road vehicle with a net weight of more than 3 000 kg designed solely for the transportation of goods or of machinery with which it is permanently equipped and goods; (*camion*)”;

(2) by deleting the definitions for “tow truck” and “special mobile equipment”;

(3) by substituting the following for the definition of commercial vehicle:

““commercial vehicle” means a motor vehicle, other than a bus, a minibus or a vehicle referred to paragraphs 2 to 11 of section 102, with a net weight of 3 000 kg or less that is owned by a legal person; (*véhicule commercial*)”; and

(4) by inserting the following after the definition of detachable axle:

““equipment transport vehicle” means a road vehicle with a net weight of more than 3 000 kg used solely for the transportation of machinery with which it is permanently equipped and its accessories. Emergency vehicles and vehicles that are used or can be used for the transportation of other goods are excluded from this definition; (*véhicule de transport d’équipement*)”.

2. The following is substituted for section 28:

“28. No single trip certificate may be issued for a heavy vehicle unless the owner or the operator is registered with the Commission des transports du Québec in the Registre des propriétaires et des exploitants de véhicules lourds.”.

3. The following is substituted for section 29:

“29. A single trip certificate must bear the name, address and file number of the person to whom it was issued, identify the road vehicle to which it refers, the valid registration number and the validity period.”

The certificate must also bear the point of entry into Québec, the final destination of the persons or goods transported and the roads to be used, where the owner or operator is not subject to the International Fuel Tax Agreement.”.

4. Section 102 is amended

(1) by substituting the following for paragraphs 8 and 9:

“(8) tow trucks with a net weight of 3 000 kg or less;

(9) tow trucks with a net weight of more than 3 000 kg, used solely for towing a maximum of two road vehicles at a time;

(10) ambulances and hearses;

(11) equipment transport vehicles.”; and

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

* The Regulation respecting road vehicle registration, made by Order in Council 1420-91 dated 16 October 1991 (1991, *G.O.* 2, 4111), was last amended by the Regulation made by Order in Council 199-98 dated 17 February 1998 (1998, *G.O.* 2, 1208). For previous amendments, refer to the Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1998, updated to 1 September 1998.

“Equipment transport vehicles may tow trailers carrying only a lifting device or its accessories.”.

5. The following is substituted for section 106:

“**106.** The fees payable to retain the right to operate an ambulance, a hearse, a motor home, a tool vehicle, a winter tool vehicle or a tow truck used solely for towing a maximum of two road vehicles at a time, with a net weight of more than 3 000 kg but not exceeding 8 000 kg, are \$327 for each payment period.

The payment period referred to in the first paragraph is determined in accordance with sections 21, 23 and 24.”.

6. The following is substituted for section 107:

“**107.** The fees payable to retain the right to operate an ambulance, a hearse, a motor home, a tool vehicle, a winter tool vehicle or a tow truck used solely for towing a maximum of two road vehicles at a time, with a net weight or more than 8 000 kg but not exceeding 10 000 kg, are \$435 for each payment period.

The payment period referred to in the first paragraph is determined in accordance with sections 21, 23 and 24.”.

7. The following is substituted for section 108:

“**108.** The fees payable to retain the right to operate an ambulance, a hearse, a motor home, a tool vehicle, a winter tool vehicle or a tow truck used solely for towing a maximum of two road vehicles at a time, with a net weight or more than 10 000 kg, are \$570 for each payment period.

The payment period referred to in the first paragraph is determined in accordance with sections 21, 23 and 24.”.

8. The following is inserted after section 108:

“**108.1** The fees payable to retain the right to operate an equipment transport vehicle with a net weight of more than 3 000 kg but not exceeding 8 000 kg are \$502 for each payment period.

The payment period referred to in the first paragraph is determined in accordance with section 24.

108.2 The fees payable to retain the right to operate an equipment transport vehicle with a net weight of more than 8 000 kg but not exceeding 10 000 kg are \$610 for each payment period.

The payment period referred to in the first paragraph is determined in accordance with section 24.

108.3 The fees payable to retain the right to operate an equipment transport vehicle with a net weight of more than 10 000 kg are \$745 for each payment period.

The payment period referred to in the first paragraph is determined in accordance with section 24.”.

9. The following is substituted for section 110:

“**110.** The licence plate of a truck or of a farm vehicle with a net weight of more than 3 000 kg shall bear the prefix “L”.

However, the licence plate for a truck used to transport bulk material that requires a bulk trucking permit from the Commission des transports du Québec shall bear the prefix “VR”.

A registered road vehicle for which the fees are set under this Division, Division II of Chapter III, or under the terms of a reciprocal agreement between Québec and a government that grants the same right to a Québec owner or operator of heavy vehicles, may tow, in Québec, a trailer registered in Québec or elsewhere.”.

10. Section 149 is amended by substituting the following for paragraph 3:

“(3) trucks, equipment transport vehicles or tool vehicles belonging to the person in whose name registration is carried out.”.

11. The owner of a truck or tool vehicle who pays before (*enter here the date of coming into force of this Regulation*) the fees and insurance contribution due on 31 March 1999, in accordance with section 24 of the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration, shall remain registered in the same category of road vehicles until he pays the fees and insurance contribution due on 31 March 2000. Thereafter, he shall pay the fees and insurance contribution for the category to which his vehicle belongs, whether the truck, equipment transport vehicle or tool vehicle category, and shall have the registration information changed if his vehicle belongs to the equipment transport vehicle category.

12. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.