

Draft Regulation

Transport Act
(R.S.Q., c. T-12)

Road vehicles used for the transportation of school children

— 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 vehicles used for the transportation of school children, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to amend the Regulation respecting road vehicles used for the transportation of school children made by Order in Council 285-97 dated 5 March 1997.

It is mainly intended to make technical adjustments following comments made by school bus manufacturers and distributors, as well as amendments to harmonize the Regulation with the new CSA 250 Standard for the manufacture of school buses adopted by the Canadian Standards Association concerning strips of reflective tape and emergency windows.

To date, study of the matter has revealed a positive impact on the public and on businesses, particularly small and medium-sized businesses:

— the proposed amendments respond to the comments expressed by school bus manufacturers and distributors;

— those amendments are in keeping with current practices in the industry while ensuring the safety of students;

— harmonizing the Regulation respecting road vehicles used for the transportation of school children with the new CSA 250 Standard for the manufacture of school buses is likely to favour interprovincial trade.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Jacques Pelletier, Director of Mobilité en transport, ministère des Transports, 700, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 24^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5H1; tel. (418) 643-5362, fax: (418) 646-4904.

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

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting road vehicles used for the transportation of school children^(*)

Transport Act
(R.S.Q., c. T-12, s. 5, par a)

1. Section 5 of the Regulation respecting road vehicles used for the transportation of school children is amended by inserting the following after subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph:

“(2.1) section 36, in respect of folding seats;”.

2. The words “, between the outside rub rails referred to in section 10” are struck out at the end of the third paragraph of section 11.

3. The following is substituted for paragraph 1 of section 15:

“(1) allow the exhaust to be expelled at the rear of the bus or on the left side, between the rear wheel and the corner of the rear bumper, except for a minibus expelling its exhaust gases on its right side, provided that the exhaust pipe ends behind the rear wheel;”.

4. The following is inserted after section 23:

“**23.1** A school bus of more than 4 536 kg shall have on each side at least one window that can be used as an emergency exit, opening to the outside when sufficient pressure is applied. Where a bus has only one window on each side, it shall be placed so as to allow evacuation through the centre of the side walls of the passenger compartment.”.

5. 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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* The Regulation respecting road vehicles used for the transportation of school children was made by Order in Council 285-97 dated 5 March 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 1141) and has not been amended since.