

Gouvernement du Québec

**O.C. 32-2001, 17 January 2001**

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

**Road vehicles used for the transportation of school children  
— Amendments**

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting road vehicles used for the transportation of school children

WHEREAS under paragraph *a* of section 5 of the Transport Act (R.S.Q., c. T-12) the Government may, by regulation, establish standards, conditions or modes of construction, use, safekeeping, upkeep, ownership, possession, rent, hygiene or safety of any means of transport or transport system which it indicates;

WHEREAS the Regulation respecting road vehicles used for the transportation of school children was made by Order in Council 285-97 dated 5 March 1997;

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Regulation to update the standards for exhaust pipes on school minibuses, emergency exits on school buses and reflective strips on the side walls of those buses;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), a draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting road vehicles used for the transportation of school children was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 1 September 1999, with a notice that it could be made by the Government upon the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS the Minister of Transport received comments following the publication of the draft Regulation;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation that was published in draft form, with amendments;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Transport:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting road vehicles used for the transportation of school children, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

MICHEL NOËL DE TILLY,  
*Clerk of the Conseil exécutif*

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

1. Section 11 of the Regulation respecting road vehicles used for the transportation of school children is amended by substituting the following for the last sentence of the last paragraph:

“Reflective strips may also be affixed to the bus at the locations designated in section 5.8.2 of Standard D250-98 “School Buses”, published in 1998 by the Canadian Standards Association, 178 Rexdale Boulevard, Etobicoke, Ontario.”.

2. Section 15 is amended by substituting the following for paragraph 1:

“(1) expel the exhaust from the rear of the bus or from the left side between the rear wheel and the corner of the rear bumper, except for a minibus where the pipe is located so that the exhaust is expelled from the right side, provided it is expelled behind the rear wheel;”.

3. The following section is inserted after section 23:

“**23.1.** School buses weighing more than 4536 kg shall be equipped, on each side, with at least one emergency window exit that opens outwards when sufficient pressure is applied. Where a bus is equipped with only one window on each side, those windows shall be located so as to provide egress from the centre of the side walls of the passenger compartment.”.

4. 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.