

Draft Regulation

Highway Safety Code
(R.S.Q., c. C-24.2; 1999, c. 66)

Road vehicles — Safety standards

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 safety standards for road vehicles, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

Under section 439 of the Highway Safety Code, as replaced by section 10 of the Act to amend the Highway Safety Code and other legislative provisions (1999, c. 66), no person may drive a road vehicle in which a television set or a display screen is so placed that the image broadcast on the screen is directly or indirectly visible to the driver, except in the cases and on the conditions determined by regulation.

The draft Regulation determines in what cases and on what conditions a road vehicle may be equipped with a screen displaying information to the driver.

The draft Regulation also establishes the form and content of the photometric inspection certificate issued following a photometric inspection of the windows of a road vehicle.

The proposed regulatory measures have no impact on the public other than ensuring road safety while allowing for the presence and use of certain communication devices in a vehicle. As regards the impact on enterprises, the proposed measures permit the presence of devices used by enterprises in respect of their business.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Gaétan Bergeron, Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 333, boulevard Jean-Lesage, C-4-21, C. P. 19600, Québec (Québec) G1K 8J6; telephone: 418 528-3816.

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 and Minister responsible for the Capitale-Nationale region, 700, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5H1.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting safety standards for road vehicles*

Highway Safety Code
(R.S.Q., c. C-24.2, s. 621, 1st par., subpar. 32;
1999, c. 66, s. 26, par. 2)

1. Section 64 of the Regulation respecting safety standards for road vehicles is amended by adding the following after the second paragraph:

“The photometric inspection certificate must include

- (1) the certificate number;
- (2) the make, model, year and type of road vehicle, its net mass and the odometer reading;
- (3) the vehicle identification number, the licence plate number and the name of the administrative authority that issued the registration;
- (4) the name and address of the vehicle owner and the identification number of the owner or long-term lessee entered on the registration certificate;
- (5) the name of the driver, the driver's licence number and the name of the administrative authority that issued the driver's licence;
- (6) the name and number of the mandatary that carried out the photometric inspection and the address of the place of inspection;
- (7) the make, model, serial number and calibration date of the photometer;
- (8) the result of the photometer reliability test;
- (9) the result of the photometric inspection, the date and time and the name, number and signature of the person who carried out the inspection; and
- (10) the acknowledgement of receipt of the photometric inspection certificate and the owner or driver's signature.”

* The Regulation respecting safety standards for road vehicles, made by Order in Council 1483-98 dated 27 November 1998 (1998, *G.O.* 2, 4557), was last amended by the regulation made by Order in Council 1220-2004 dated 21 December 2004 (2005, *G.O.* 2, 69). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Québec Official Publisher, 2007, updated to 1 March 2007.

2. The following is inserted after section 178:

**“CHAPTER II.1
DISPLAY SCREEN**

178.1. Subject to section 178.2, a road vehicle may be equipped with a display screen so placed that the image broadcast is directly or indirectly visible to the driver if the display screen

(1) was installed by the vehicle manufacturer or according to the vehicle manufacturer’s instructions;

(2) displays information on the conditions, use and immediate environment of the vehicle;

(3) displays real-time driver assistance information on road or weather conditions or routing and guidance information;

(4) is used by a peace officer or by the driver of an emergency vehicle in the performance of duties;

(5) is used by an enterprise in respect of its business to manage messages or assess fees payable by passengers of a vehicle; or

(6) is used by a public utility or telecommunications enterprise in respect of its business.

178.2. Every display screen referred to in section 178.1 must meet the following requirements:

(1) be affixed directly to the vehicle or be held in place by a fixed mount;

(2) be placed so as to display the visual information as close as possible to the driver’s line of sight in the normal driving position;

(3) be placed so as not to obstruct the driver’s view, interfere with driving or prevent the operation of equipment or reduce its efficiency, and in a manner that does not present a risk of injury in an accident;

(4) be equipped with control buttons that are easily located and accessible in the normal driving position;

(5) be designed with simple operations having a response time that

(a) is not limited; or

(b) is limited if the message is preceded or accompanied by a sound signal and the ensuing response time is sufficient; and

(6) be designed so that the driver has full control over a modification to or deletion of a static information block.

The messages displayed on the screen must be short, simple and readable so that message reading does not interfere with driving.”.

3. 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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