

The draft Regulation revokes the payment of the lump sum in compensation for the increase in impounding charges in the draft Regulation respecting towing and impounding charges for road vehicles seized under section 209.1 or 209.2 of the Highway Safety Code, a portion of which is to cover the loss incurred by a custodian when a vehicle is transferred.

Further information may be obtained by contacting André Létourneau, Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 333, boulevard Jean-Lesage, C-4-12, C. P. 19600, Québec (Québec) G1K 8J6; telephone: 418 528-3239.

Any interested person wishing to comment on the matter may submit written comments to the President of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 333, boulevard Jean-Lesage, N-6-2, C. P. 19600, Québec (Québec) G1K 8J6, within the 45-day period.

JOHN HARBOUR,
President and Chief Executive Officer
Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec

Regulation to revoke the Regulation respecting sums payable to the custodian of an impounded road vehicle

Highway Safety Code
(R.S.Q., c. C-24.2, s. 624, 1st par., subpar. 20)

1. The Regulation respecting sums payable to the custodian of an impounded road vehicle, approved by Order in Council 549-2000 dated 3 May 2000, is revoked on the fifteenth day following the publication of this Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Regulation

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

Towing and impounding charges for road vehicles seized under section 209.1 or 209.2

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 respecting towing and impounding charges for road vehicles seized under section 209.1 or 209.2 of the Highway Safety Code, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation proposes to adopt the main rates of exclusive towing contracts granted by the Minister of Transport for the towing of damaged or disabled vehicles on certain roads. The new rates reflect the rates charged outside the seizure program, and will apply on the entire road network, except for a difference arising from the requirements imposed on towing enterprises working within the exclusive network.

The draft Regulation also proposes to increase the daily impounding charges to support the loss incurred by a custodian when a vehicle not claimed by its owner is transferred to the custodian by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec in payment of the custodian's claim. In return, the Société will no longer be required to pay the additional lump sum provided for in the Regulation respecting sums payable to the custodian of an impounded road vehicle, approved by Order in Council 549-2000 dated 3 May 2000. That Regulation is to be revoked accordingly.

The draft Regulation has an impact on vehicle owners since the increases will be charged directly to them. As for the impact on enterprises, the adjustment in towing and daily impounding charges will cover the increase in the towing industry's operating costs and compensate for any loss incurred when a vehicle is transferred to the custodian in payment of the latter's claim.

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Any interested person wishing to comment on the matter may submit written comments to the Minister of Transport, 700, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5H1, within the 45-day period.

JULIE BOULET,
Minister of Transport

Regulation respecting towing and impounding charges for road vehicles seized under section 209.1 or 209.2 of the Highway Safety Code

Highway Safety Code
(R.S.Q., c. C-24.2, s. 621, 1st par., subpar. 50)

1. The maximum towing charges, for a distance of 10 kilometres or less, for a road vehicle seized under section 209.1 or 209.2 of the Highway Safety Code (R.S.Q., c. C-24.2), in a location not referred to in the

Regulation respecting the provision of road service or towing on certain roads and autoroutes and on certain bridges or other infrastructures, approved by Order in Council 987-98 dated 21 July 1998, are those appearing in the following table according to vehicle class:

| Vehicle class | Towing charges |
|---|----------------|
| road vehicle with a net weight of 3,000 kg or less | \$75 |
| road vehicle with a net weight of more than 3,000 kg but 8,000 kg or less | \$116 |
| road vehicle with a net weight of more than 8,000 kg | \$175 |

Where the towing distance exceeds 10 kilometres, the towing charges for a road vehicle with a net weight of 3,000 kg or less are the sum of the charges appearing in the table in the first paragraph for that vehicle class and the product obtained by multiplying \$2.50 by the number of additional towing kilometres.

2. The maximum towing charges, for a distance of 10 kilometres or less, for a road vehicle seized under section 209.1 or 209.2 of the Code on parts of public highways referred to in the Regulation respecting the provision of road service or towing on certain roads and autoroutes and on certain bridges or other infrastructures, made by Order in Council 987-98 dated 21 July 1998, are those appearing in the following table according to vehicle class:

| Vehicle class | Towing charges |
|---|----------------|
| road vehicle with a net weight of 3,000 kg or less | \$105 |
| road vehicle with a net weight of more than 3,000 kg but 8,000 kg or less | \$146 |
| road vehicle with a net weight of more than 8,000 kg | \$205 |

Where the towing distance exceeds 10 kilometres, the towing charges for a road vehicle with a net weight of 3,000 kg or less are the sum of the charges appearing in the table in the first paragraph for that vehicle class and the product obtained by multiplying \$2.50 by the number of additional towing kilometres.

3. An hourly rate of \$110, charged per 30 minutes, is added for towing a road vehicle of more than 3,000 kg but 8,000 kg or less after the first 30 minutes spent on the towing premises.

An amount at an hourly rate of \$170, charged per 30 minutes, is added for towing a road vehicle of more than 8,000 kg after the first 30 minutes spent on the towing premises.

4. The daily impounding charges for a road vehicle seized under section 209.1 or 209.2 of the Code are

(1) \$15 for a vehicle with a net weight of 3,000 kg or less;

(2) \$25 for a vehicle with a net weight of more than 3,000 kg but 8,000 kg or less; and

(3) \$35 for a vehicle with a net weight of more than 8,000 kg.

5. The daily impounding charges for a seized road vehicle referred to in this Regulation apply to seizures of road vehicles as of the coming into force of this Regulation.

6. This Regulation replaces the Regulation respecting towing and impounding charges for road vehicles seized under sections 209.1 and 209.2 of the Highway Safety Code, made by Order in Council 1426-97 dated 29 October 1997.

7. 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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