

## Draft Regulation

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

### Use of tires specifically designed for winter driving

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 the use of tires specifically designed for winter driving, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation defines tires specifically designed for winter driving and provides for the cases where the prohibition to put a passenger vehicle or taxi into operation without such tires does not apply.

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Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments to the Minister of Transport, 700, boul. René-Lévesque Est, 29<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5H1, within the 45-day period.

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## Regulation respecting the use of tires specifically designed for winter driving

Highway Safety Code  
(R.S.Q., c. C-24.2, s. 440.1; 2007, c. 40, s. 59; 2008, c. 14, s. 48)

**1.** From 15 December to 15 March, all tires with which a taxi or passenger vehicle is equipped must be specifically designed for winter driving.

**2.** The prohibition referred to in the first paragraph of section 440.1 of the Highway Safety Code does not apply to

(1) the spare tire of a taxi or passenger vehicle;

(2) a passenger vehicle, lent by a dealer, manufacturer or automotive body maker, to which is affixed a detachable licence plate, in one of the cases referred to in the first paragraph of section 152 of

the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration and amending other regulatory provisions made by Order in Council 1420-91 dated 16 October 1991;

(3) a motor home, namely a motor vehicle permanently converted into living quarters; and

(4) a passenger vehicle or taxi, as the case may be, in respect of which a certificate is issued by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec under section 3.

**3.** The Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec may issue to the owner or lessor of a passenger vehicle a certificate authorizing the owner or lessor to put the passenger vehicle into operation, without being equipped with tires specifically designed for winter driving, for a period of 7 days, in the following cases:

(1) when purchasing a vehicle, to allow the owner or lessor to equip the vehicle with tires specifically designed for winter driving;

(2) the owner or lessor uses the vehicle to leave Québec or return to Québec;

(3) when moving the vehicle from the establishment of a vehicle dealer to a site for its sale at an auction or from such a site to the establishment of such a dealer; and

(4) the return trip of a vehicle leased and registered outside Québec to its starting point outside Québec, that, on the expiry of the leasing period, is left by the lessee at a place in Québec.

Subparagraphs 1 to 3 of the first paragraph also apply to a taxi.

During the period referred to in section 1, the Société may not issue more than 4 certificates in respect of a vehicle covered by this section.

**4.** The owner or lessor of a vehicle must apply to the Société to obtain the certificate in section 3.

**5.** The certificate contains the following information:

(1) the file number, address and signature of the person in whose name the certificate is issued;

(2) its effective date and expiry date;

(3) the designation of the licence plate of the vehicle;

(4) in the case of a natural person, the name and given name of the person in whose name the certificate is issued;

(5) in the case of a legal person established for a private interest, its corporate name; and

(6) the identification number of the vehicle.

**6.** The driver of the vehicle must have in his or her possession the certificate issued under section 3.

**7.** For the purposes of this Regulation, “tire specifically designed for winter driving” means,

(1) before 15 December 2014, a tire that meets one of the following criteria:

(a) it bears one of the following inscriptions:

- i. “Arctic”;
- ii. “Blizzard”;
- iii. “Ice”;
- iv. “LT”;
- v. “Snow”, except “mud and snow”;
- vi. “Stud”; or
- vii. “Winter”;

(b) the pictogram in Schedule A is affixed to it;

(2) as of 15 December 2014, a tire to which the pictogram in Schedule A is affixed.

The pictogram in Schedule A represents a mountain with a six-pointed snowflake whose height corresponds at least to half the height of the highest peak. The mountain outline must be at least 15 millimetres wide and 15 millimetres high and have 3 peaks, the one in the middle being the highest.

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

## SCHEDULE A

(section 6)

