

Regulations and other acts

M.O., 2009

Order number AM 2009-03 of the Minister of Transport dated 30 March 2009

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

RESPECTING the installation of bicycle racks on the front of buses and minibuses

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT,

CONSIDERING section 633.2 of the Highway Safety Code (R.S.Q., c. C-24.2) providing that the Minister of Transport may, by order and after consultation with the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, suspend the application of a provision of that Code or the regulations for the period specified by the Minister, if the Minister considers that it is in the interest of the public and is not likely to compromise highway safety, and that the Minister may prescribe any rule, applicable when using the exemption, that ensures an equivalent level of safety in the Minister's opinion; the publication requirement set out in section 8 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1) does not apply to such an order;

CONSIDERING that the Société has been consulted;

CONSIDERING that it is necessary in the interest of the public to suspend the application of section 471 of that Code and sections 24 and 42 of the Regulation respecting safety standards for road vehicles, made by Order in Council 1483-98 dated 27 November 1998*, in respect of buses and minibuses and that such measure is not likely to compromise highway safety;

ORDERS AS FOLLOW:

1. The application of the provisions of section 471 of the Highway Safety Code (R.S.Q., c. C-24.2) and sections 24 and 42 of the Regulation respecting safety standards for road vehicles, made by Order in Council 1483-98 dated 27 November 1998*, is suspended in respect of buses and minibuses if:

1) the bus or minibus is equipped with a Sportworks (model DL2) bicycle rack on the front or any other equivalent bicycle rack;

2) use of a bicycle rack is limited to transporting bicycles, the number of which must not exceed the number for which the bicycle rack was designed;

3) transportation of bicycles is carried out within a period between one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset;

4) the bicycle rack is in a stowed position when not in use;

5) the low beams and parking lights of the bus or minibus are turned on;

6) a bicycle placed on the rack is free of any load or removable accessory that blocks the lights of the bus or minibus.

2. Where the bicycle rack of a bus or minibus is one of the causes of an accident or incident, the owner or operator of a bus or minibus must, within eight days, give notification of the accident or incident to the Service de l'ingénierie des véhicules of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 333, boulevard Jean-Lesage, C-4-21, C. P. 19600, Québec (Québec) G1K 8J6, email: siv@saaq.gouv.qc.ca

3. This Order comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*. It is revoked on 15 March 2011.

JULIE BOULET,
The Minister of Transport

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* 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 Order in Council 187-2008 dated 5 March 2008 (2008, *G.O.* 2, 960). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 2008, updated to 1 September 2008.