

Regulations and other Acts

M.O., 2009

Order number 2009-15 of the Minister of Transport dated 22 October 2009

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

CONCERNING the use of right-hand drive vehicles on public highways

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT,

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of section 633.1 of the Highway Safety Code (R.S.Q., c. C-24.2) which provides that after consultation with the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, the Minister of Transport may, by order, restrict or prohibit, for up to 180 days, the use on public highways of any model or class of vehicle that endangers the safety of persons and property;

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of that section which provides that any interested party may submit comments to the person designated in the order within 90 days after its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*;

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of that section which provides that at the expiry of 180 days, the Minister may, by order, make the restriction or prohibition permanent;

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of that section which provides that a restriction or prohibition under that paragraph comes into force on the date the order is published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*;

CONSIDERING the fourth paragraph of that section which provides that the publication requirement set out in section 8 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1) does not apply to an order made under that section;

CONSIDERING that after consultation with the Société, it is advisable to prohibit or restrict, for a period of 180 days, the use of certain right-hand drive vehicles on public highways because they endanger the safety of persons and property;

CONSIDERING that, for the reasons set forth by the Société, it is expedient to prohibit or restrict the use of right-hand drive vehicles on public highways for a period of 180 days;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The use of right-hand drive vehicles on public highways is prohibited, except for

(1) vehicles registered in Québec before 29 April 2009;

(2) vehicles registered outside Québec;

(3) vehicles manufactured 25 years or more before the date on which they were imported into Canada;

(4) trucks, snowblowers and equipment transport vehicles within the meaning of the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration, made by Order in Council 1420-91 dated 16 October 1991;

(5) vehicles required to make frequent stops along a road in performing work in connection with a public service;

(6) special mobile equipment ; and

(7) road vehicles belonging to a driving school or to an institution holding a permit to dispense instruction in the driving of heavy trucks issued under section 10 of the Act respecting private education (R.S.Q., c. E-9.1).

2. Light vehicles registered before 29 April 2009, in use on public highways, must

(1) be registered as passenger vehicles with a limited area of operation; and

(2) carry a licence plate bearing the prefix "C" in compliance with section 124 of the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration, made by Order in Council 1420-91 dated 16 October 1991.

For the purposes of this Order, "light vehicle" means a right-hand drive road vehicle, other than a vehicle with two wheels, that at the time of its sale to the first user,

(1) is 3.4 metres or less in length;

(2) is 1.48 metres or less in width;

(3) is 2.0 metres or less in height;

(4) has an engine displacement of 660 cm³ or less;
and

(5) has an engine power of 47.7 kW or less.

3. No person may drive a light vehicle on a public highway on which the maximum posted speed limit is greater than 70 km/h.

4. Road vehicles registered before 29 April 2009 by means of a temporary registration certificate or a removable registration plate may not benefit from the exception provided for in paragraph 1 of section 1.

5. An owner of a light vehicle who contravenes section 2 is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine of \$300 to \$360.

6. Every person who contravenes section 3 is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine of \$300 to \$360.

7. Any interested party may submit comments in relation to this Order before 24 January 2010 to Mark Baril, Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 333 Jean-Lesage, C-4-21, P.O. Box 19600, Québec, Québec G1K 8J6, email : Mark.Baril@saaq.gouv.qc.ca

8. This Order comes into force on 26 October 2009, except sections 2, 3, 5 and 6, which come into force on 27 December 2009. It is revoked on 24 April 2010.

JULIE BOULET,
Minister of Transport

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