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

JULIE BOULET,
Minister of Transport

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration*

Highway Safety Code
(R.S.Q., c. C-24.2, s. 618, par. 3)

1. The Regulation respecting road vehicle registration is amended in section 2 by inserting the following definition in alphabetical order:

““gross vehicle weight rating” means the gross vehicle weight rating within the meaning of the Regulation respecting safety standards for road vehicles made by Order in Council 1483-98 dated 27 November 1998; (*poids nominal brut*)”.

2. Section 13 is amended by inserting the following after paragraph 7:

“(7.1) the gross vehicle weight rating, if it is 4,500 kg or more;”.

3. Section 47 is amended by inserting “and its gross vehicle weight rating, if it is 4,500 kg or more” in the second paragraph after “dispatch”.

4. 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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* The Regulation respecting road vehicle registration, made by Order in Council 1420-91 dated 16 October 1991 (1991, *G.O.* 2, 4111), was last amended by the regulation made by Order in Council 688-2009 dated 10 June 2009 (2009, *G.O.* 2, 1803A). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Québec Official Publisher, 2009, updated to 1 March 2009.

Draft Regulation

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

Safety standards for road vehicles — Amendments

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.

The Highway Safety Code was amended in 2008 to replace the net mass of more than 3,000 kg by the gross vehicle weight rating of 4,500 kg or more as a criterion governing mechanical inspection. The amendment requires, before its coming into force, amendments to certain rules in the Regulation respecting safety standards for road vehicles.

Consequently, the draft Regulation proposes that the gross vehicle weight rating be the value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single vehicle (weight of the vehicle plus the maximum load it can carry). However, the draft Regulation provides, in certain cases, other ways to establish the gross vehicle weight rating. For example, where the value specified by the manufacturer is obsolete because of changes made to the vehicle, the gross vehicle weight rating is the value established by an engineer. In the case of a trailer or semi-trailer made by hand, the weight is the value established by an engineer or by a calculation based on the load capacity of the tires.

In addition, the draft Regulation replaces, in various provisions, the net mass greater than 3,000 kg by the gross vehicle weight rating equal to or greater than 4,500 kg and replaces the net mass equal to or less than 3,000 kg by the gross vehicle weight rating less than 4,500 kg.

The draft Regulation also requires the registration of the gross vehicle weight rating of road vehicles, where the rating is 4,500 kg or more, in the certificate of mechanical inspection in order to identify vehicles that have that weight.

The proposed adjustments require owners of road vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 4,500 kg and a net mass of 3,000 kg or less to submit the vehicles to an annual mechanical inspection. They will

also have to comply with certain particular safety standards that applied to vehicles having a net mass of more than 3,000 kg regarding braking systems, the condition of tires and play in the steering system. Owners of road vehicles having a net mass of more than 3,000 kg but a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 4,500 kg will not be subject to the annual inspection and the particular standards.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Alexandre Guay, Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 333, boulevard Jean-Lesage, C-4-21, C. P. 19600, Québec (Québec) G1K 8J6; telephone: 418 528-3080.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to the Minister of Transport, 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., subpars. 25, 25.1, 28 to 30, 32, 32.1, 32.2, 32.5 and 42)

1. The Regulation respecting safety standards for road vehicles is amended in section 2

(1) by striking out the definitions of “gross vehicle weight rating” and “GVWR” and “heavy truck”;

(2) by replacing “net mass exceeds 3 000 kg” in the definition of “trailer” by “gross vehicle weight rating is 4,500 kg or more”.

2. The following is inserted after section 2:

“**2.1.** For the purposes of this Regulation, the gross vehicle weight rating is the value specified by the manufacturer as the weight of a single loaded vehicle under the name “gross vehicle weight rating”, “GVWR”, “poids nominal brut du véhicule” or “PNBV”.

In the following cases, the gross vehicle weight rating is the value established by an engineer:

(1) where there is no document from the manufacturer specifying the weight;

(2) where the value specified by the manufacturer is obsolete because of the changes made to the vehicle.

The gross vehicle weight rating of a vehicle made by hand is the value established by an engineer. The gross vehicle weight rating may also be established, in the case of a trailer made by hand, by multiplying the sum of the load capacity of the trailer's tires by 1.1 and, in the case of a semi-trailer made by hand, by multiplying the sum of the load capacity of the semi-trailer's tires by 1.25.

For the purposes of this section, an engineer is a person who is a member of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec or any other person legally authorized to practise the profession in Québec.”.

3. Section 3 is amended by replacing “net mass is 3 000 kg or less” in paragraph 3 by “gross vehicle weight rating is less than 4,500 kg”.

4. Section 6 is amended by replacing “a weight of 3 000 kg or less” in paragraph 4 by “a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 4,500 kg”.

5. Section 8 is amended by replacing “and type of road vehicle” in paragraph 2 by “, type of road vehicle and gross vehicle weight rating, where it is 4,500 kg or more”.

6. Section 32 is amended by replacing the words “net mass is 3 000 kg or less” wherever they appear in the second paragraph by the words “gross vehicle weight rating is less than 4,500 kg”.

7. Section 33 is amended by replacing “net mass is 3 000 kg or less” and “net mass is more than 3 000 kg” in the second paragraph by “gross vehicle weight rating is less than 4,500 kg” and “gross vehicle weight rating is 4,500 kg or more”, respectively.

8. Section 102 is amended by replacing “a net mass greater than 3 000 kg” in paragraph 1 by “a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,500 kg or more”.

9. Section 107 is amended

(1) by replacing “net mass is 3 000 kg or less” in paragraph 1 by “gross vehicle weight rating is less than 4,500 kg”;

* 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 187-2008 dated 5 March 2008 (2008, *G.O.* 2, 960). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Québec Official Publisher, 2009, updated to 1 March 2009.

(2) by replacing “net mass is greater than 3 000 kg” in paragraph 2 by “gross vehicle weight rating is 4,500 kg or more”.

10. Section 120 is amended

(1) by replacing “net mass exceeds 3 000 kg” in paragraph 1 by “gross vehicle weight rating is 4,500 kg or more”;

(2) by replacing “net mass exceeds 3 000 kg” in paragraph 5 by “gross vehicle weight rating is 4,500 kg or more”.

11. Section 167 is amended

(1) by replacing “a net mass of 3 000 kg or less” in subparagraph a of paragraph 7 by “a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 4,500 kg”;

(2) by replacing “a net mass of more than 3 000 kg” in subparagraph b of paragraph 7 by “a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,500 kg or more”.

12. Section 170 is amended by replacing “net mass is more than 3 000 kg” in paragraph 2 by “gross vehicle weight rating is 4,500 kg or more”.

13. Section 197.1 is amended by replacing “a net weight of 3 000 kg or less” in the first paragraph by “a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 4,500 kg”.

14. Section 209 is amended

(1) by replacing “heavy trucks” in paragraph 3 by “motorized road vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of 7,258 kg or more”;

(2) by replacing “heavy trucks” in subparagraph *d* of paragraph 5 by “motorized road vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of 7,258 kg or more”.

15. Section 210 is amended by replacing “heavy trucks” in subparagraph 6 of the first paragraph by “motorized road vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of 7,258 kg or more”.

16. Section 211 is amended by replacing “heavy trucks” in paragraph 7 by “motorized road vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of 7,258 kg or more”.

17. Section 216 is amended by replacing “heavy trucks” in subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph by “motorized road vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of 7,258 kg or more”.

18. Schedule II is amended by replacing “Motor vehicle with a net weight of more than 3 000 kg excluding emergency vehicles” by “Motorized road vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,500 kg or more, excluding emergency vehicles”.

19. 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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Draft Regulation

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

Special permits — Amendments

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 special permits, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation provides a reference to the definition of “gross vehicle weight rating” that will be added to the Regulation respecting safety standards for road vehicles which corresponds, allowing for exceptions, to the value specified by the vehicle manufacturer.

The draft Regulation also provides that escort vehicles that accompany outsized vehicles must have a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 4,500 kg. Escort vehicles must currently have a net mass of 3,000 kg or less.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Denis Bédard, Direction du transport routier des marchandises, Ministère des Transports, 700, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 2^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5H1; telephone: 418 644-4719, extension 2276; fax: 418 644-5178.

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