

In addition, the draft Regulation removes the length of a trailer or a semi-trailer as a criterion of exemption from the standards relating to the pre-departure inspection of heavy vehicles because a trailer or semi-trailer that has a gross weight rating of less than 4,500 kg generally has a length under 10 metres.

These amendments subject, allowing for exceptions, drivers and operators of road vehicles or combinations of road vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,500 kg or more to the requirements relating to pre-departure inspection, even if the net mass of the vehicle is 3,000 kg or less. The amendments also exempt from those requirements vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 4,500 kg even if their net mass is greater than 3,000 kg.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Linda Thériault, Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 333, boulevard Jean-Lesage, C-4-22, C.P. 19600, Québec (Québec) G1K 8J6, telephone: 418 528-4886.

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<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5H1.

JULIE BOULET,  
*Minister of Transport*

## **Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting exemptions from the application of Title VIII.1 of the Highway Safety Code\***

Highway Safety Code  
(R.S.Q., c. C-24.2, s. 621, 1st par., subpar. 42)

**1.** The Regulation respecting exemptions from the application of Title VIII.1 of the Highway Safety Code is amended in section 2

(1) by replacing “the net mass of each vehicle in the combination is 3 000 kg or less, provided that the length of the trailer or semi-trailer, including the coupling system, is 10 metres or less” in paragraph 4 by “the gross vehicle weight rating of each vehicle in the combination is less than 4,500 kg”;

\* The Regulation respecting exemptions from the application of Title VIII.1 of the Highway Safety Code, made by Order in Council 622-99 dated 2 June 1999 (1999, *G.O.* 2, 1618), was amended only once, by the regulation made by Order in Council 368-2007 dated 23 May 2007 (2007, *G.O.* 2, 1468).

(2) by replacing “a net mass of less than 3,000 kg” in paragraph 6 by “a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 4,500 kg”.

**2.** 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)

### **Hours of driving and rest of heavy vehicle drivers — 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 the hours of driving and rest of heavy vehicle drivers, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation replaces the net mass of 3,000 kg or less by the gross vehicle weight rating of less than 4,500 kg as a criterion of exemption from the standards relating to hours of driving and rest of heavy vehicle drivers to harmonize with the new definition of “heavy vehicle” that will be provided for in the Act respecting owners, operators and drivers of heavy vehicles (R.S.Q., c. P-30.3) as of the coming into force of section 3 of chapter 39 of the Statutes of 2005. The gross vehicle weight rating is the weight of the vehicle plus the maximum load it can carry.

In addition, the draft Regulation removes the length of a trailer or a semi-trailer as a criterion of exemption from the standards relating to hours of driving and rest of heavy vehicle drivers because a trailer or semi-trailer that has a gross weight rating of less than 4,500 kg generally has a length under 10 metres.

These amendments subject, allowing for exceptions, drivers and operators of road vehicles or combinations of road vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,500 kg or more to the requirements relating to hours of driving and rest, even if the net mass of the vehicle is 3,000 kg or less. The amendments also exempt from those requirements vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 4,500 kg even if their net mass is greater than 3,000 kg.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Linda Thériault, Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 333, boulevard Jean-Lesage, C-4-22, C.P. 19600, Québec (Québec) G1K 8J6, telephone: 418 528-4886.

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<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5H1.

JULIE BOULET,  
*Minister of Transport*

## Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the hours of driving and rest of heavy vehicle drivers\*

Highway Safety Code  
(R.S.Q., c. C-24.2, s. 621, 1st par., subpar. 42)

**1.** The Regulation respecting the hours of driving and rest of heavy vehicle drivers is amended in section 4

(1) by replacing “the net mass of each vehicle is 3,000 kg or less, provided that the length of the trailer or semi-trailer, including the coupling system, is 10 metres or less” in subparagraph 7 of the first paragraph by “the gross vehicle weight rating of each vehicle is less than 4,500 kg”;

(2) by replacing “a net mass of less than 3,000 kg” in subparagraph 8 of the first paragraph by “a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 4,500 kg”.

**2.** 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

An Act respecting labour standards  
(R.S.Q., c. N-1.1)

### Labour standards — Amendments

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting labour standards, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

As of 1 May 2010, the draft Regulation increases the general rate of minimum wage from \$9.00 per hour to \$9.50 per hour and increases the minimum wage payable to an employee who receives gratuities or tips from \$8.00 per hour to \$8.25 per hour. As of the same date, it also increases the minimum wage payable to raspberry or strawberry pickers, which will now be established on the basis of the weight and type of fruit picked. Moreover, the wages of apple pickers will no longer be established on the basis of yield, but will follow the general rules. Lastly, the draft Regulation provides that the minimum wage will not apply to an employee assigned mainly to non-mechanized operations relating to the picking of processing vegetables, from 1 May 2010 to 1 January 2011.

The proposed increases of minimum wage will contribute to improve the buying power of low-income employees and allow them to take part in the collective growth. It will also help businesses to remain competitive by taking into account their capacity to pay.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Maryse Chasle, Ministère du Travail, Direction des politiques du travail, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 5<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5S1; telephone: 418 643-1432; fax: 418 643-9454; e-mail: maryse.chasle@travail.gouv.qc.ca

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to the Minister of Labour, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 6<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5S1.

SAM HAMAD,  
*Minister of Labour*

\* The Regulation respecting the hours of driving and rest of heavy vehicle drivers, made by Order in Council 367-2007 dated 23 May 2007 (2007, G.O. 2, 1457), has never been amended.