

Regulations and other Acts

M.O., 2015

Order number 2015-17 of the Minister of Transport dated 10 December 2015

An Act respecting transportation services by taxi (chapter S-6.01)

Pilot project to promote optimization of taxi transportation services requested in the Capitale-Nationale region using a mobile application

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT,

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of section 89.1 of the Act respecting transportation services by taxi (chapter S-6.01) under which the Minister of Transport may, by order,

(1) authorize pilot projects designed to experiment or innovate in the area of taxi transportation services or to study, improve or define standards applicable to that area; and

(2) authorize, within the scope of such pilot projects, any person or body that is a holder of a taxi owner's permit issued under the Act or a business partner of such a holder to offer taxi transportation services in compliance with standards and rules prescribed by the Minister that differ from those set out in the Act and the regulations, for the purpose of increasing the safety of users, improving the quality of the services offered or fostering the development of the taxi transportation services industry, all in compliance with the applicable privacy protection rules;

CONSIDERING the second paragraph of that section which provides that

(1) such pilot projects are to be conducted for a period of up to two years, which the Minister may extend by up to one year; and

(2) the Minister may determine the provisions of an order whose violation constitutes an offence and determine the minimum and maximum amounts for which the offender is liable, which may not be less than \$200 or more than \$3,000;

CONSIDERING the third paragraph of that section which provides that the Minister must inform the Taxi Industry Advisory Panel 45 days before the implementation of a pilot project, and that the Minister on 7 October 2015 informed the Panel of the implementation of this Pilot Project;

CONSIDERING the fourth paragraph of that section which provides that an order made under that section is not subject to the publication requirement set out in section 8 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1);

CONSIDERING the taxi industry's interest in modernizing its taxi transportation service capability, in particular through the use of technological platforms integrating a mobile application, with a view to fostering the development of the taxi industry and meeting the needs of users;

CONSIDERING that the "Taxi Coop" mobile application now makes it possible to request taxi transportation services in the Capitale-Nationale region using that technology, and that it is expedient to authorize the Pilot Project to promote optimization of taxi transportation services requested in that region using a mobile application;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

DIVISION I GENERAL

1. The Pilot Project to promote optimization of taxi transportation services requested in the Capitale-Nationale region using a mobile application ("Pilot Project") is hereby authorized

(1) to establish certain special rules that differ from those set out in the Act respecting transportation services by taxi (chapter S-6.01) and the regulations when taxi transportation services are requested in the Capitale-Nationale region using a mobile application;

(2) to authorize the holders of a taxi owner's permit or a taxi driver's permit in that region using the mobile application of a sponsor referred to in the Schedule to this Pilot Project to benefit from the special rules set out in the Pilot Project; and

(3) to collect information on the optimization results obtained for taxi transportation services requested using a mobile application, particularly as regards the number of trips made outside the home area and the average reduction in clientele wait times.

2. For the purposes of the Pilot Project,

“home area” means the taxi servicing area the taxi owner’s permit authorizes to be served; (*agglomération d’appartenance*)

“sponsor” means a holder of a taxi transportation service intermediary’s permit providing services to holders of a taxi owner’s permit or a taxi driver’s permit in the Capitale-Nationale region and whose mobile application is referred to in the Schedule to this Pilot Project. (*promoteur*)

3. So that a taxi owner or a taxi driver in the Capitale-Nationale region may benefit from the special rules set out in this Pilot Project, a sponsor must send an optimization project for taxi transportation services in that region to the Minister. An agreement between the sponsor and the Minister must be entered into and concern among other things information sharing, monitoring mechanisms and reporting requirements.

DIVISION II
OPTIMIZATION OF TAXI TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

4. Despite section 6 of the Act respecting transportation services by taxi, a taxi owner or taxi driver in the Capitale-Nationale region may make a trip outside the home area if

(1) the customer requested the trip using a mobile application referred to in the Schedule to this Pilot Project; and

(2) the start or destination of the trip is in any of the taxi servicing areas listed in the Schedule to this Pilot Project, in relation to the sponsor of the application and the taxi transportation service intermediaries associated with the sponsor for the use of the application; those intermediaries also being referred to in the Schedule to this Pilot Project.

DIVISION III
COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

5. The Minister of Transport is responsible for collecting information on the optimization of taxi transportation services requested using a mobile application in connection with this Pilot Project.

DIVISION IV
MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL

6. The holders of a taxi owner’s permit issued after the date of publication of this Pilot Project in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* cannot avail themselves of the special rules set out in the Pilot Project if their home area is Saint-Émile or Val-Bélair.

7. This Pilot Project comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*. It terminates on the day that is two years after that date.

ROBERT POËTI,
Minister of Transport

SCHEDULE
(sections 1, 2 and 4)

Sponsor and mobile application authorized	Authorized intermediaries associated with sponsor	Authorized taxi servicing areas (outside home area)
Taxis Coop Québec 525-5191 for “Taxi Coop” mobile application	Association coopérative de taxis Charlesbourg	A-25 Charlesbourg
	Taxi Coop Beauport	A-30 Est-de Québec
	Taxi Coop Val-Bélair	A-36 Québec
	Taxis Sainte-Foy-Sillery Association coopérative	A-38 Sainte-Foy-Sillery Saint-Émile Val-Bélair

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