Regulations and other Acts

M.O., 2019

Order number 2019-06 of the Minister of Transport dated 26 April 2019

Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2)

> Suspension of the requirement to pay the toll and fees when road vehicles are travelling on bridge P-10942 of autoroute 30, during closures of certain sections of autoroutes 20 and 40 in the sector of Municipalité régionale de comté de Vaudreuil-Soulanges

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT,

CONSIDERING section 417.2 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), which provides that no person may drive a road vehicle on a public road subject to a toll under the Act respecting transport infrastructure partnerships (chapter P-9.001) unless the toll and fees are paid in accordance with that Act;

CONSIDERING section 633.2 of the Highway Safety Code, which provides 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 the 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;

CONSIDERING section 633.2 of the Highway Safety Code, which provides that the publication requirement set out in section 8 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1) does not apply to an order made under section 633.2 of the Code;

CONSIDERING section 18 of the Regulations Act, which provides that a regulation may come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* where the authority that is making it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it and the reason justifying such coming into force must be published with the regulation;

CONSIDERING the closures of certain sections of autoroutes 20 and 40 in the sector of Municipalité régionale de comté de Vaudreuil-Soulanges due to floods; CONSIDERING the necessity of proposing mitigation measures for traffic following such closures, in particular by allowing free of charge a bypass on bridge P-10942 of autoroute 30;

CONSIDERING that the suspension of the toll and fees required to travel on bridge P-10942 is a mitigation measure that will reduce mobility disturbances caused by the closures;

CONSIDERING that the Minister of Transport considers that the proposed suspension of the application of section 417.2 of the Code is in the interest of the public and is not likely to compromise highway safety;

CONSIDERING that the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec has been consulted and is in favour of the suspension of the requirement;

CONSIDERING that the Minister of Transport is of the opinion that there is urgency considering the following circumstances:

-Ensuring the mobility of persons and goods during the closures of certain sections of autoroutes 20 and 40 in the sector of Municipalité régionale de comté de Vaudreuil-Soulanges;

Promoting traffic flow;

-Mitigating the impact of road congestion.

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Despite section 417.2 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), the requirement of paying the toll and fees is suspended for every road vehicle travelling on bridge P-10942 of autoroute 30 subject to a toll under the Act respecting transport infrastructure partnerships (chapter P-9.001) should a person authorized under the law restrict or prohibit, for safety reasons, the traffic of road vehicles on certain sections of autoroutes 20 and 40 in the sector of Municipalité régionale de comté de Vaudreuil-Soulages for a period not exceeding 13 May 2019.

2. Section 509.2 of the Code is also suspended with respect to the person travelling in a road vehicle referred to in section 1 during the period and according to the conditions set out in that section.

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