

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is signed in duplicate,

At Québec, for the Minister of Health and Social Services,

YVAN GENDRON,  
*Deputy Minister*

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

At Québec, for the Board,

MARCO THIBAUT,  
*President and  
Chief Executive Officer*

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

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## M.O., 2019

### Order number 2019-21 of the Minister of Transport dated 20 November 2019

Highway Safety Code  
(chapter C-24.2)

Suspension of certain standards related to the construction of road vehicles adapted for the transportation of handicapped persons

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT,

CONSIDERING section 633.2 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), 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 that that section provides that the Minister may prescribe any rule, applicable when using the exemption, that ensures an equivalent level of safety in the Minister's opinion;

CONSIDERING that that section 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 that section 633.2;

CONSIDERING that the manufacturers of buses or mini-buses adapted for the transportation of handicapped persons have, in the last years, developed innovative manufacturing methods without compromising passenger safety;

CONSIDERING that it is appropriate to suspend certain construction obligations applicable to buses used for the transportation of handicapped persons and to prescribe rules that ensure an equivalent level of safety;

CONSIDERING that the Minister considers that the suspension of those requirements 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 supports the suspension of those requirements;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The application of sections 4 and 5 of the Regulation respecting road vehicles adapted for the transportation of handicapped persons (chapter C-24.2, r. 51) concerning the minimum standards for the construction of the structure of the body and roof of a bus or minibus used for the transportation of handicapped persons with respect to a bus or minibus that complies with the requirements provided for in section 6.16 of CSA Standard D-409-16, Motor vehicles for the transportation of persons with physical disabilities, published by the Canadian Standard Association is suspended.

2. The application of the requirement provided for in section 29 of the Regulation concerning the material used for the floor of the passenger compartment, with respect to a bus or minibus whose passenger compartment floor is made of a material with mechanical properties equivalent or better than those of a steel sheet metal of 14-gauge thickness, is solidly attached to the structure of the vehicle and is sealed so as to prevent any infiltration of vapours or fumes is suspended.

3. For the suspension provided for in sections 1 and 2 of this Order to apply to a bus or minibus, the design of the body, roof and floor for the adaptation for the transportation of handicapped persons and any alteration to any of those elements must be carried out by a person authorized to apply the national safety mark within the meaning of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (Statutes of Canada 1993, chapter 16) or the compliance label prescribed by that Act.

The bus or minibus must also bear the national safety mark or the compliance label applied by the person who carried out the design or alteration of the body, roof or floor of the vehicle.

The materials used for the design or alteration must have the properties required to maintain their integrity over the useful life of the vehicle.

4. This Order comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*. It is revoked on the day of the fifth anniversary of its coming into force.

Québec, 20 November 2019

FRANÇOIS BONNARDEL,  
*Minister of Transport*

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