

Regulations and other Acts

M.O., 2021

Order number 2021-12 of the Minister of Transport dated 28 May 2021

Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2, s. 633.2)

Amendment to the Ministerial Order concerning the suspension of the prohibition from driving a road vehicle on bridge P-10942 of autoroute 30 subject to a toll under the Act respecting transport infrastructure partnerships unless the toll and fees are paid in accordance with that Act

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT,

CONSIDERING section 417.2 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), which provides that it is prohibited to 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 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 such an order;

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 has made 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 that the Minister of Transport made Order 2021-011 (2021, *G.O.* 2, 1421B) that suspends the prohibition provided for in section 417.2 of the Highway Safety Code for a person who drives a road vehicle on bridge P-10942 of autoroute 30 during the emergency closure of the Île-aux-Tourtes bridge;

CONSIDERING that the reopening of the Île-aux-Tourtes bridge to public vehicular traffic will be gradual;

CONSIDERING that it is appropriate to extend the suspension of the prohibition from driving a road vehicle on bridge P-10942 of autoroute 30 subject to a toll under the Act respecting transport infrastructure partnerships unless the toll and fees are paid in accordance with that Act until all traffic lanes of the Île-aux-Tourtes bridge are reopened to public vehicular traffic;

CONSIDERING that the Minister of Transport considers that the suspension 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;

CONSIDERING that the Minister of Transport is of the opinion that there is an urgent situation owing to the following circumstances:

— it is necessary to ensure the mobility of persons and goods during the work to be carried out on the Île-aux-Tourtes bridge, to promote traffic flow and to mitigate the impact of road congestion;

— it is required to extend the suspension of section 417.2 of the Highway Safety Code for a person who drives a road vehicle on bridge P-10942 of autoroute 30 until all traffic lanes of the Île-aux-Tourtes bridge are reopened to public vehicular traffic;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 2 of Order 2021-011 (2021, *G.O.* 2, 1421B) is amended by replacing “when the Île-aux-Tourtes bridge is reopened to road vehicle traffic” by “when all traffic lanes of the Île-aux-Tourtes bridge are reopened to public vehicular traffic”.

2. This Order comes into force at the time of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

Québec, 28 May 2021

FRANÇOIS BONNARDEL
Minister of Transport

105074