

Regulations and other Acts

M.O., 2023

Order 2023-03 of the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility dated 15 February 2023

Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2)

Amendments to the Order respecting the suspension of the requirement to hold a special permit authorizing oversized buses to be driven or to carry that permit while driving such buses

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY,

CONSIDERING section 633.2 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), which provides that the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility 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 section 633.2 of the Code 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;

CONSIDERING Order 2018-07 of the Minister of Transport, Sustainable Mobility and Transport Electrification dated 29 March 2018 (2018, G.O.2, 1299C) respecting the suspension of the requirement to hold a special permit authorizing oversized buses to be driven or to carry that permit while driving such buses;

CONSIDERING that that Order ceases to have effect on 29 March 2023;

CONSIDERING that it is appropriate to extend the period during which the requirement for owners or lessees of oversized buses and for the operators referred to in Title VIII.1 of the Highway Safety Code who are responsible for such buses to hold a special permit authorizing the buses to be driven and the requirement for the drivers of such buses to carry that permit with them are suspended;

CONSIDERING that the Minister considers that the measure 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 on the extension;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 3 of Order 2018-07 of the Minister of Transport, Sustainable Mobility and Transport Electrification dated 29 March 2018 (2018, G.O.2, 1299C) respecting the suspension of the requirement to hold a special permit authorizing oversized buses to be driven or to carry that permit while driving such buses is amended by replacing "the day of the fifth anniversary of that date" by "1 July 2026".

2. This Order comes into force on the fifteenth day following its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

Quebec, 15 February 2023

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Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility

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M.O., 2023

Order 2023-04 of the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility dated 15 February 2023

Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2)

Suspension of the axle load and total loaded mass limits applicable during a period of thaw or rain to certain tow trucks

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY,

CONSIDERING section 633.2 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), which provides that the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility 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 section 633.2 of the Code 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 section 633.2 of the Code also 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;

CONSIDERING that it is appropriate to suspend the axle load and total loaded mass limits applicable during a period of thaw or rain to a tow truck that complies with the axle load and total loaded mass limits in a normal period, does not tow a vehicle and transports on its platform only one road vehicle, without a load, that has been in an accident or has broken down, been seized or abandoned;

CONSIDERING that the Minister considers that the suspension of such limits, in compliance with the conditions imposed, is in the interest of the public and is not likely to compromise highway safety;

CONSIDERING that the Minister is of the opinion that the rules the Minister prescribes to use the exemption ensure an equivalent level of safety;

CONSIDERING that the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec has been consulted on the suspension;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Divisions III and IV of the Vehicle Load and Size Limits Regulation (chapter C-24.2, r. 31) that establish the maximum axle load and maximum total loaded mass applicable during a period of thaw or rain to a tow truck when it does not tow a vehicle and transports on its platform only one road vehicle, without a load, that has been in an accident or has broken down, been seized or abandoned are suspended.

2. To use the exemption provided for in section 1, the tow truck must comply with the maximum axle load and maximum total loaded mass applicable to the tow truck in a normal period under Divisions III and IV of the Vehicle Load and Size Limits Regulation (chapter C-24.2, r. 31).

3. This Order comes into force on the fifteenth day following its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*. It is revoked on 1 July 2026.

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