

Regulations and other Acts

M.O., 2023

**Order 2023-09 of the Minister of Transport
and Sustainable Mobility dated 13 March 2023**

Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2)

Suspension of the end of the validity period of the apportioned registration of road vehicles

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 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 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 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 is published with the regulation;

CONSIDERING that the International Registration Plan is a registration agreement to which the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec is a member, that applies to vehicles travelling in at least one administration, province or State other than their home territory;

CONSIDERING that vehicles travelling in more than one administration must be under apportioned registration in accordance with the agreement;

CONSIDERING that section 60.2 of the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration (chapter C-24.2, r. 29) provides that the apportioned registration is valid from the date of coming into force indicated on the IRP registration certificate until the following 31 March;

CONSIDERING that after that date the vehicles are no longer authorized to be operated on public highways;

CONSIDERING that the Minister considers that the suspension of section 60.2 of the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration, as regards the end of the validity period of the apportioned registration, 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 is of the opinion that the urgency to suspend temporarily the application of section 60.2 of the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration as regards the end of the validity period of the apportioned registration is due in particular to the following circumstances and justifies a coming into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*:

— the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec had to limit services as of 26 January 2023 in order to implement a new computer system as of 20 February 2023;

— the limitation of services during the implementation of the system creates an overburden on the operations that must be performed only in a service centre of the Société, including the apportioned registration of road vehicles;

— due to the waiting time caused by the overburden, the holder of an apportioned registration of a road vehicle who must obtain its renewal is subject to a significant risk of not being able to do so by 31 March 2023, as provided for in section 60.2 of the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration and thus be prevented from operating his or her vehicle;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The application of section 60.2 of the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration (chapter C-24.2, r. 29) is suspended until 12 June 2023 as regards the end of the validity period of the apportioned registration of road vehicles.

2. This Order comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*. It is revoked on 13 June 2023.

Québec, 13 March 2023

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