

**5.** This Regulation comes into force on 30 April 2023.

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## M.O., 2023

### Order 2023-13 of the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility dated 15 April 2023

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

Suspension of the requirement to equip with exterior rear-view mirrors certain motor vehicles equipped with a video camera and monitor system

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 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 also 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 that, in accordance with section 9 of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (S.C. 1993, c. 16), on application by a company as provided for in the regulations, the Minister of Transport of Canada may, by order, grant an exemption for a specified period, in accordance with any conditions specified in the order, for any model of vehicle manufactured or imported by the company from conformity with any prescribed standard if the exemption from that standard would, in the opinion of the Minister, promote the development of new safety features that are equivalent to or superior to those that conform to prescribed standards or new kinds of vehicles, technologies, vehicle systems or components;

CONSIDERING that the Minister of Transport of Canada granted such an exemption to Volvo Group Canada inc. on 4 November 2021 and to Nova Bus inc. on 30 March

2022, and that the exemption allows them to replace the exterior rear-view mirrors on certain vehicle models by a video camera and monitor system;

CONSIDERING that section 262 of the Highway Safety Code provides that every motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle or moped, must be equipped with interior and exterior rear-view mirrors on the conditions prescribed therein;

CONSIDERING that section 59 of the Regulation respecting road vehicles adapted for the transportation of handicapped persons (chapter C-24.2, r. 51) provides that a bus or minibus used for the transportation of handicapped persons must have an interior rear-view mirror and 2 exterior rear-view mirrors;

CONSIDERING that it is advisable to suspend the application of the first, second and third paragraphs of section 262 of the Highway Safety Code and the first paragraph of section 59 of the Regulation respecting road vehicles adapted for the transportation of handicapped persons with regard to the requirement that a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle or moped, be equipped with exterior rear-view mirrors, provided in particular that the vehicle is equipped with a video camera and monitor system instead of exterior rear-view mirrors and that it is subject to an exemption granted under section 9 of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act to the company that manufactured or imported the vehicle;

CONSIDERING that the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility considers that the suspension of the application of the first, second and third paragraphs of section 262 of the Highway Safety Code and the first paragraph of section 59 of the Regulation respecting road vehicles adapted for the transportation of handicapped persons 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 prescribed rules, applicable when using the exemption, ensure an equivalent level of safety;

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

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

**1.** The application of the first and second paragraphs of section 262 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2) and the first paragraph of section 59 of the Regulation respecting road vehicles adapted for the transportation of handicapped persons (chapter C-24.2, r. 51) is suspended with regard to the requirement that a motor vehicle, other

than a motorcycle or moped, be equipped with exterior rear-view mirrors, provided the following conditions are met:

(1) the vehicle is equipped with a video camera and monitor system instead of exterior rear-view mirrors;

(2) the vehicle is subject to an exemption granted under section 9 of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (S.C. 1993, c. 16) to the company that manufactured or imported the vehicle;

(3) a label bearing the information prescribed by subsection 5 of section 13 of the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations (C.R.C., c. 1038) is applied to the windshield or one of the side windows of the vehicle.

The application of the third paragraph of section 262 of the Code is suspended with regard to a vehicle referred to in the first paragraph if the vehicle is drawing a trailer or semi-trailer, provided the conditions provided for in the first paragraph are met and the video camera and monitor system enables the driver to have a clear view to the back of the combination of vehicles.

Where a motor vehicle referred to in the first paragraph has undergone a mechanical inspection or a circle check under the Highway Safety Code, the video camera and monitor system must be verified and comply with the following standards:

(1) be adequate, that is, appropriate to its function and constantly kept in good working order;

(2) be solidly attached;

(3) have no sharp edges.

Any departure from the standards provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 3 of the third paragraph constitutes a minor defect.

2. A video camera and monitor system with which a vehicle is equipped in accordance with section 1 is considered to be exterior rear-view mirrors in the following cases:

(1) for the purpose of calculating the width dimension of the vehicle for the purposes of the Vehicle Load and Size Limits Regulation (chapter C-24.2, r. 31), the Regulation respecting special permits (chapter C-24.2, r. 35) and the Regulation respecting the visibility and traffic of farm machines wider than 2.6 metres (chapter C-24.2, r. 52.1);

(2) for the purposes of the check to be made before each occasion on which the vehicle is operated for the purposes of the Regulation respecting road vehicles adapted for the transportation of handicapped persons (chapter C-24.2, r. 51).

3. This Order comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* and ceases to have effect on 1 June 2025.

Québec, 15 April 2023

GENEVIÈVE GUILBAULT  
*Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility*

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## M.O., 2023

### Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food dated 12 April 2023

Animal Health Protection Act  
(chapter P-42)

Regulation respecting the temporary sanitary conditions of bird stock-raising places to prevent the propagation of the highly pathogenic avian influenza virus

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD,

CONSIDERING paragraph 3 of section 3 of the Animal Health Protection Act (chapter P-42), which provides that the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food may make regulations in particular to regulate the sanitary conditions of stables and other stock-raising places;

CONSIDERING section 12 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), which provides that a proposed regulation may be made without having been published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* pursuant to section 8 of that Act if the authority making it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

CONSIDERING section 13 of that Act, which provides that the reason justifying the absence of prior publication must be published with the regulation;

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of section 18 of that Act, which provides that a regulation may come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* if the authority that made it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;