Regulations and other Acts

M.O., 2023

Order number 2023-14 of the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility dated 24 April 2023

Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2)

Amendment of the date of the end of the annual thaw period for zones 1, 2 and 3 for 2023

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY,

Considering section 419 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), which provides that the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility may, by an order published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, determine the locations where the movement of all or some road vehicles designated by the Minister is restricted or prohibited by reason of thawing, rain, erosion or flooding and the periods during which such measures apply;

CONSIDERING the Vehicle Load and Size Limits Regulation (chapter C-24.2, r. 31), which determines the maximum load limits applicable during thaw periods for various classes of road vehicles and combinations of road vehicles:

Considering Order 2023-10 of the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility dated 16 March 2023 concerning the delineation of the thaw zones and determination of the annual thaw period for zone 1 for 2023, which presents the thaw zones determined by the Minister;

CONSIDERING Order 2023-11 of the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility dated 22 March 2023 respecting the determination of the annual thaw period for zone 2 for 2023;

CONSIDERING Order 2023-12 of the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility dated 12 April 2023 respecting the determination of the annual thaw period for zone 3 for 2023;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to advance the date of the end of the annual thaw period for zones 1, 2 and 3 for 2023;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Amendment of the end of the annual thaw period for zone 1 for 2023

Despite section 2 of Order 2023-10 of the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility dated 16 March 2023 concerning the delineation of the thaw zones and determination of the annual thaw period for zone 1 for 2023, the thaw period for zone 1 for 2023 ends on 28 April 2023.

2. Amendment of the end of the annual thaw period for zone 2 for 2023

Despite section 1 of Order 2023-11 of the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility dated 22 March 2023 respecting the determination of the annual thaw period for zone 2 for 2023, the thaw period for zone 2 for 2023 ends on 19 May 2023.

3. Amendment of the end of the annual thaw period for zone 3 for 2023

Despite section 1 of Order 2023-12 of the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility dated 12 April 2023 respecting the determination of the annual thaw period for zone 3 for 2023, the thaw period for zone 3 for 2023 ends on 26 May 2023.

3. Effective date of this Order

This Order takes effect from the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*. It does not prevent the making of other orders to determine the periods of an early or a late thaw that may occur during those periods.

Québec, 24 April 2023

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