

M.O., 2024**Order 2024-23 of the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility dated 17 December 2024**

Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2)

Suspension of the payment due date for the amounts payable by certain owners of a road vehicle to retain the right to operate the vehicle

**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 section 633.2 of the Code, which 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 section 633.2 of the Code, which 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 that the reason justifying such coming into force must be published with the regulation;

CONSIDERING that there has been an interruption of Canada Post services for more than 25 days;

CONSIDERING that owners of a road vehicle are subject to penalties if they fail to pay the amounts payable to retain the right to operate the vehicle;

CONSIDERING that the Minister considers that the suspension of the provisions of the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration (chapter C-24.2, r. 29) governing the payment due date for the amounts payable by certain

owners of a road vehicle to retain the right to operate the vehicle is in the interest of the public and that the suspension is not likely to compromise highway safety;

CONSIDERING that the Société has been consulted;

CONSIDERING that the Minister is of the opinion that the urgency of the suspension 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*:

—since the Canada Post service interruption began, the Société has been using a private courier service to send written communications;

—the capacity of the private courier service has been insufficient to process the volume of written communications the Société must send, including the annual payment notices that must be paid in order to retain the authorization to operate a vehicle, resulting in a delay in their delivery;

—a delay is to be expected before normal operations resume at Canada Post;

—that situation is likely to expose the owners of a registered road vehicle who are required to pay the amounts payable to retain the authorization to operate the vehicle to a serious risk of not being able to do so before the payment due date and result in the impossibility to put the road vehicle back into operation;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The application of subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the second paragraph of section 19 and section 23 of the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration (chapter C-24.2, r. 29), which establish the due date for the payment of amounts payable under section 31.1 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2) in respect of certain owners of a road vehicle, is suspended until the earliest of

(1) 31 March 2025; and

(2) the date for the payment of the amounts referred to in section 31.1 of the Code.

The owner referred to in the first paragraph must pay the amounts payable pursuant to section 31.1 of the Code for the 12-month period as of the due date indicated, as the case may be, in subparagraph 1 or 2 of the second paragraph of section 19 or section 23 of the Regulation.

2. This Order comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*. It is revoked as of 1 April 2025.

Québec, 17 December 2024

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