

Consumer Taxes

TVQ. 176-6/R1 Supply of Three- and Four-Wheel Personal Mobility Vehicles

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This bulletin explains how the *Act respecting the Québec sales tax* (AQST) applies in respect of supplies of three- and four-wheel personal mobility vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

- **1.** According to paragraph (13) of section 176 of the AQST, a supply of a chair, walker, wheelchair lift or similar aid to locomotion, with or without wheels, including motive power and wheel assemblies therefor, that is specially designed to be operated by a person with a disability for locomotion of the person constitutes a zero-rated supply.
- **2.** According to paragraph (31) of section 176 of the AQST, a supply of a part, accessory or attachment that is specially designed for a property described in Division II (Medical and Assistive Devices) of Chapter IV (Zero-Rated Supply) of Title I of the AQST constitutes a zero-rated supply.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONCERNED

- **3.** Three- and four-wheel personal mobility vehicles are generally used by persons who have impaired mobility due to illness or physical disability. However, certain manufacturers also advertise them as a mobility aid for persons who have difficulty walking long distances.
- 4. Such vehicles usually have the following features:
 - a slidable, reclinable, pivotable and height-adjustable seat;
 - adjustable armrests;
 - a low running board;

- height- and angle-adjustable handlebars; and
- brake and accelerator hand controls that can be positioned for either right-hand or left-hand operation.

APPLICATION OF THE ACT

- **5.** In view of the special features of three- and four-wheel personal mobility vehicles, Revenu Québec is of the opinion that such vehicles constitute aids to locomotion specially designed to be operated by a person with a disability for locomotion of the person.
- **6.** Therefore, any supply of a three- or four-wheel personal mobility vehicle is a zero-rated supply by virtue of paragraph (13) of section 176 of the AQST, regardless of who the recipient is.
- **7.** Furthermore, any supply of a part, accessory or attachment that is specially designed for such products is a zero-rated supply by virtue of paragraph (31) of section 176 of the AQST.