

## Consumer Taxes

**CAR. 2/R2**                      **Fuel Tax Exemption for International Flights**  
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Reference(s):                      *Fuel Tax Act* (CQLR, c. T-1), section 9  
   *Regulation respecting the application of the Fuel Tax Act* (CQLR, c. T-1, r. 1),  
   section 9R2

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This bulletin explains how the fuel tax exemption for international flights, provided for in the *Fuel Tax Act* (FTA), applies.

### LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

1. Under paragraph (g) of section 9 of the FTA, aviation fuel acquired after June 20, 1983, and used on an international flight within the meaning of the regulations is exempt from the tax provided for in section 2 of the FTA.
2. Furthermore, according to section 9R2 of the *Regulation respecting the application of the Fuel Tax Act*, the term “international flight” means a flight involving an air carrier going to or leaving Canada but does not include the landing in one place in Canada of passengers or merchandise originating from another place in Canada.

### INTERPRETATION

3. In addition to non-stop flights between Québec and a country other than Canada, the following flights are considered international flights:
  - flights destined for a country other than Canada, with scheduled stops in Québec or elsewhere in Canada, provided that any passengers boarded or goods loaded by the air carrier at such stops are destined for a country other than Canada;
  - flights originating in a country other than Canada, with a scheduled stop in Québec, provided that any passengers who deplane or goods that are unloaded by the air carrier at the stop have reached their destination;

- flights destined for a country other than Canada, with a scheduled stop in Canada, provided that any passengers who deplane at the stop are taking connecting flights also destined for a country other than Canada and that the destination of any new passenger boarded by the air carrier at the stop is in a country other than Canada;
- positioning flights (that is, flights carrying no passengers or goods) leaving from Québec that are destined for a country other than Canada, with no scheduled stops in Canada;
- positioning flights leaving from Québec that are destined for a place elsewhere in Canada, where the purpose of the flight is to board passengers or load goods on the aircraft at such place for a flight destined for a country other than Canada.