

(2) remain in contact with the worker using a 2-way communication system;

(3) be able to order the worker, if necessary, to evacuate the enclosed area.

308.1 Unforeseen situation: The monitor must prohibit entry and, where applicable, order the evacuation of an enclosed area if the monitor, a qualified person or a qualified worker identifies a risk for the safety of a worker, other than those identified in accordance with section 300.

308.2 Resumption of work: Work that is interrupted pursuant to section 308.1 may resume only if a qualified person reviews the gathered information and determines the appropriate preventive measures in accordance with section 300.

309. Rescue plan: A rescue plan, which includes the equipment and methods to rapidly rescue any worker performing work in an enclosed area, must be developed.

The equipment required by a rescue plan and any accessories must be

(1) adapted to the intended use and to the specific conditions of the work and the enclosed area;

(2) inspected and kept in good order;

(3) present and easily accessible near the enclosed area for a rapid intervention.

The rescue plan must include a call and communication protocol to initiate rescue operations. In addition, a specific person must be appointed in the rescue plan to direct the rescue operations.

The workers who are assigned to the application of rescue procedures must have received training developed by a qualified person, including techniques for avoiding putting the safety of those workers and that of other workers in danger.

The rescue plan must be tested with exercises that allow in particular workers to become familiar with their role, the communication protocol and the use of the rescue equipment concerned.”

II. Sections 311 and 312 are replaced by the following:

“311. Precautions regarding free flow solid materials: No person may enter an enclosed area used to store free flow solid materials.

Where it is indispensable for a worker to enter such an enclosed area, one of the safety measures provided for in section 33.2 must be used so that the worker cannot fall or be buried in the stored materials. In addition, that worker may not enter

(1) when filling or emptying operations are taking place, and precautions such as the closing and locking of feeder gates or the application of energy control measures, have not been taken to prevent an accidental resumption of those operations;

(2) without first verifying and eliminating the risks associated with

(a) cavities that may be present under the surface of the stored materials;

(b) the shifting of piled materials or falling pieces of agglomerated materials;

(3) from under an arch formed by the materials present in the enclosed area.

312. Precautions regarding liquid materials: No person may enter an enclosed area where there is a risk of drowning without applying an isolation procedure for the section where the work is taking place or a liquid flow control procedure to prevent the influx or an increase in the level of a liquid.

The procedure to isolate the section or control the flow of liquid may in particular provide for the drainage or deviation of the liquid, closing off pipes or closing and locking valves.”

12. This Regulation comes into force six months after the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Regulation

Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2)

Road vehicle registration — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation makes changes to the information used for registration purposes, the information that must be declared by the owner of a road vehicle, and the information appearing on various types of registration certificates.

The draft Regulation provides for the issue of a licence plate bearing the indication “temporary” until a metal licence plate is issued and specifies the information that must appear on the temporary plate and the place where it must be affixed. It also specifies the cases and conditions for the transfer or re-use of a licence plate, the situations in which only a registration certificate is issued, and the situations in which a temporary registration certificate may also be issued.

In addition, the draft Regulation updates the provisions relating to the registration of electric-powered road vehicles to include vehicles powered by a hydrogen fuel cell. It also exempts the owners of such vehicles from the payment of the additional registration fee based on the vehicle’s value. It specifies that the weight of the battery need not be considered in establishing the net weight of certain road vehicles that are altered to make them exclusively electric-powered.

Lastly, the draft Regulation clarifies the terms for collecting a management fee for personalized registration plates and specifies certain rules governing the registration of a road vehicle.

The draft Regulation adjusts some of the current rules on registration, in particular to broaden the services provided by the Société de l’assurance automobile du Québec. In terms of the impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the introduction of the temporary plate may generate some volume-based administrative costs, which will be largely mitigated if a client enterprise opts for the transfer or re-use of existing plates or completes the transaction with a vehicle dealer.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Renée Delisle, Director of changes to the regulatory framework and business partnerships, Société de l’assurance automobile du Québec, 333, boulevard Jean-Lesage, C-3-16, case postale 19600, succursale Terminus, Québec (Québec) G1K 8J6; telephone: 418 528-4898; email: renee.delisle2@saaq.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Nadia Fournier, director of governmental relations and administrative support, Société de l’assurance

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FRANÇOIS BONNARDEL
Minister of Transport

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration

Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2, ss. 32.3 and 618, pars. 2, 3, 4, 4.1, 7, 8.9, 9, 10 and 15)

1. The Regulation respecting road vehicle registration (chapter C-24.2, r. 29) is amended by replacing the definition of “net weight” in the first paragraph of section 2 by the following:

““net weight” means the weight of a road vehicle as stated by the manufacturer at the time of shipment, or that indicated on the weight certificate following alteration of the road vehicle or fitting of an accessory or equipment to bring it into conformity with the particular use for which it is intended; where the road vehicle is a 2-axle truck altered to replace the engine with which it is equipped to make the vehicle exclusively electric-powered and equipped with a battery rechargeable by connecting to the electric network, the net weight of the vehicle is established by subtracting from it, after its alteration, the weight of the battery;”

2. The heading of Division II of Chapter I is amended by striking out “, VALIDATION STICKERS”.

3. Section 3 is amended

(1) by adding the following subparagraphs after subparagraph *d* in paragraph 7:

“(e) engine displacement or rated output, if applicable;

“(f) vehicle status, if applicable;

“(g) vehicle use;”;

(2) by striking out paragraph 8;

(3) by adding the following at the end:

“(11) the name of the joint owner, if applicable.”.

4. Section 4 is replaced by the following:

“4. A temporary registration certificate shall contain the following information:

- (1) the date of issue, the start of its period of validity and the date of expiry;
- (2) the period of validity;
- (3) the number of the registration certificate;
- (4) the identification number of the road vehicle;
- (5) the number of the licence plate, if applicable;
- (6) the reason for moving the road vehicle;
- (7) in the case of a road vehicle sold by a dealer, the date of the sale and the number of the form, prescribed by the Société, attesting the sale of the vehicle.”

5. Section 5 is replaced by the following:

“5. A licence plate other than a detachable plate is valid for as long as it is associated with a road vehicle.”

6. Section 6 is repealed.**7.** Section 7 is amended

- (1) by striking out the last sentence;
- (2) by adding the following paragraphs at the end:

“However, the Société shall issue a registration certificate only where

- (1) the owner applies for the registration of a road vehicle covered by section 95;
- (2) the owner requests the Société to associate the vehicle with a licence plate held by the owner;
- (3) the owner requests the Société to keep a licence plate already associated with the vehicle for which the owner is applying for registration in his own name.

For the purposes of subparagraphs 2 and 3 of the second paragraph, the category of the licence plate must correspond to the declared use of the vehicle and the owner must meet the conditions for the issue of the plate.”

8. Section 7.1 is amended by inserting “or powered by a hydrogen fuel cell” after “network” in the first paragraph.**9.** The following is inserted after section 7.1:

“7.1.1. Where a metal licence plate cannot be issued at the time of registration, the Société shall issue, for the time required, a licence plate bearing the indication “temporary” and, where applicable, the following indications:

- (1) “green plate” in the case of an electric-powered vehicle equipped with a battery rechargeable by connecting to the electric network or powered by a hydrogen fuel cell;
- (2) “PRP” in the case of a road vehicle that meets the conditions for apportioned registration.”

10. Section 7.7 is replaced by the following:

“7.7. The management fee provided for in section 32.3 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2) must be paid annually during the 3-month period ending on the date of the birthday of the holder of the personalized registration plate.

Despite the first paragraph, if, when the personalized registration plate is issued, more than 12 months remains before the due date, the payment of the management fee is postponed for 12 months.”

11. The following is inserted after section 9:

“9.1. A licence plate bearing the indications “temporary” and, if applicable, “green plate” or “PRP” must be affixed in the upper left portion of the vehicle’s rear window or, if not possible, in the upper left portion of the windshield.”

12. Section 13 is amended

- (1) by adding “or rated output, if applicable” at the end of subparagraph *b* of paragraph 6;
- (2) by adding “or power mode” at the end of subparagraph *d* of paragraph 6;
- (3) by adding the following at the end:

“(14) the date of the start of the period of validity and the date of expiry of a licence plate bearing the indication “temporary” and, where applicable, the indications “green plate” or “PRP”.”

13. Section 14 is amended by replacing “that they bear valid licence plates of that place” in paragraph 4 by “that the valid registration number of that place appears on the snowmobile”.

14. Section 35 is repealed.

15. Section 43 is replaced by the following:

“**43.** Where a road vehicle is prohibited from being operated pursuant to the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2) because it has a minor or major defect or because the windows on each side of the driver’s compartment admit less light than the standard established by the Regulation respecting safety standards for road vehicles (chapter C-24.2, r. 34), a temporary registration certificate may be issued to the owner to enable the vehicle to be driven to an inspection site to establish its compliance.

The certificate is valid for 12 hours and may be renewed twice.

The owner is exempt from payment of the registration fees otherwise payable for the temporary registration of a road vehicle and for the right to operate the vehicle temporarily.

The road vehicle covered by the certificate may be operated, during the validity period of the certificate, only for the reason set out in the first paragraph.”

16. Section 44 is amended by striking out “a licence plate and” in the second paragraph.

17. Section 47 is amended by striking out the last sentence in the first paragraph.

18. Section 48 is amended by inserting the following after paragraph 1:

“(1.1) if the road vehicle is a 2-axle truck altered to replace the engine with which it is equipped to make the vehicle exclusively electric-powered and equipped with a battery rechargeable by connecting to the electric network, the weight certificate must then indicate the net weight of the vehicle after its alteration and the weight of the battery, which must be established by the person who carried out the alteration;”.

19. Section 90.2 is amended by replacing “the latest edition of the Guide d’Évaluation des Automobiles or the Guide d’Évaluation des Camions Légers published by Hebdo Mag Inc.” by “the most recent edition of any of the road vehicle value guides, as the case may be, referred to in section 55.0.2 of the Act respecting the Québec sales tax (chapter T-0.1)”.

20. Section 96.1 is amended by inserting “or powered by a hydrogen fuel cell” after “network”.

21. Section 142.1 is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following:

“Despite the first paragraph, the owner of an electric-powered road vehicle equipped with a battery rechargeable by connecting to the electric network or powered by a hydrogen fuel cell is exempt from paying the additional duty, but only on the portion of the duty calculated on the value of the vehicle that is between \$40,000 and \$75,000.”.

22. Section 179 is repealed.

23. This Regulation comes into force on 1 January 2023, except

(1) sections 8, 10, 17 and 19 to 22, which come into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*;

(2) sections 1 and 18, which come into force on 12 July 2023;

(3) section 13, which comes into force on 31 December 2025.

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