

MAJOR CHANGES TO THE BULK TRUCKING RATE COMPENDIUMS OF THE MINISTÈRE DES TRANSPORTS DU QUÉBEC

In accordance with the provisions of the Act respecting the Ministère des Transports, the Minister of Transport of Québec may determine the rates applicable to bulk trucking in certain contracts awarded by the MTQ. Thus, since the repeal of the Regulation respecting bulk trucking on January 1, 2000, the Ministère des Transports du Québec publishes three rate compendiums for its bulk trucking needs.

Within the context of renewal of the bulk trucking rate compendiums for 2005, here are the main changes:

For the salt and calcium haulage rate compendium

General rate increase of 7.53% applicable both to the hourly rate and to the rate per tonne-kilometre.

For the snow and ice haulage rate compendium

General rate increase of 7.53% applicable both to the hourly rate and to the rate per tonne-kilometre.

For the bulk trucking rate compendium (aggregate haulage)

- Monetary changes

- General rate increase of 7.02% applicable both to the hourly rate and to the rate per tonne-kilometre.
- Adjustment of the rates for the Island of Montréal in order to standardize them with the rates Regions 01-02-03-04-05-06-07.
- Establishment of a specific hourly rate for the 7-axle class.
- Establishment of a specific hourly rate for transport of hot-mix asphalt. The hourly rate for transport of hot-mix asphalt corresponds to the applicable rates for aggregate plus 10 %.

- Changes to the conditions of application

- Change in the definition of "pierre de gros calibre" (large-sized stone) and "pierre de protection" (armour stone).
- Rate calculated according to the total distance travelled.
- Rate per tonne-kilometre applicable to all transport of borrow materials.

- Change in the definition of hot-mix asphalt.
- Change in the adjustment formula when there is a load reduction imposed by the MTQ. From now on, the formula will also apply to the spring thaw.
- Establishment of a travel allowance for transport in remote regions.

For more information on the bulk trucking rate compendiums of the Ministère des Transports du Québec, you can visit the MTQ Web site at www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca or phone the toll-free number appearing at the bottom of the first page of this document.