

SPECIAL PERMIT CONCERNING CONTROL OF AXLE LOADS FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES

Certain vehicles with a model year prior to 1992 and which have not been modified after October 1, 1991 to increase axle capacity can be exempted temporarily from the axle load limits.

The vehicles covered by this exemption are:

- single unit road vehicles equipped with a non-detachable dumping mechanism carrying sand, earth, gravel, stone, sodium chloride, snow, ice, hot mix asphalt or roller compacted concrete;
- backloading refuse-compacting trucks; and
- single unit road vehicles assigned to maintenance of public highways.

To be exempted from the axle load limits, the owners of these vehicles must hold a special permit for each vehicle covered by the exemption. This special permit will be renewable on a yearly basis for vehicles 20 years old or newer. The age of the vehicle is determined from the model year recorded on the vehicle registration certificate. As of January 1, 2007, no renewal will be possible for vehicles over 20 years old. Thus, the number of permits will diminish over the next few years and no more permits will be valid after January 1, 2012.

The owners of vehicles who fulfill the conditions to obtain this permit and who have not yet claimed this exemption may send to the Ministère des Transports du Québec a duly completed application form (see [Info camionnage N°: 04.04.05](#)).

For more information concerning special permits or vehicle loads and dimensions, you can visit the Web site of the Ministère des Transports du Québec at www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca, phone the number indicated at the bottom of this document or write to communications@mtq.gouv.qc.ca.

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