

**DRAFT REGULATION TO AMEND
THE TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES REGULATION**

Publication for consultation purposes

The purpose of this draft regulatory amendment is to facilitate the administration of the Transportation of Dangerous Substances Regulation, taking into account the multitude of products transported and the conditions set by the Government of Canada Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations. It also proposes to integrate the amendments to the federal regulations for harmonization purposes so that the provisions of the Québec Regulation remain compatible with those of other Canadian administrations.

The changes proposed by the Québec draft regulation are expected by the industry and, in most cases, represent updates to certain safety standards, amendments in concordance with the Federal Regulations and introduction of flexibility or clarifications to facilitate the administration of the Transportation of Dangerous Substances Regulation.

The regulatory amendments contained in the draft Regulation to amend the Transportation of Dangerous Substances Regulation have the following more specific purposes:

- adopt by reference the regulatory amendments on transportation of Dangerous Goods adopted by the Federal Government, which came into force on August 28, 2002 and August 13, 2003;
- grant owners of vehicles used for agricultural purposes an additional period of four-and-a-half months before requiring standardization of petroleum product means of containment with a capacity greater than 450 litres, as is the case for carriers holding the permit for equivalent level of safety No. SH6216;
- limit the requirement related to the installation of a fire extinguisher to occasions of transportation of a petroleum product means of containment with a capacity greater than 450 litres instead of requiring it even for transportation of small means of containment;
- adjust the effective total rating to 40 BC (9 lbs) instead of 20 BC (5 lbs) for extinguishers installed on tank trucks transporting petroleum products and liquefied petroleum gas products;
- ensure that the tank safety valve cannot open when the tank truck transporting petroleum products is left unsupervised;
- integrate directly into the regulation certain requirements of standard CSA-B149.2-00 of the Propane Storage and Handling Code instead of making reference to them;

- allow peace officers and road controllers to verify more easily the validity of the emergency response assistance plans accepted by Transport Canada;
- harmonize Québec's requirements with those of other Canadian administrations regarding transportation of gas cylinders;
- specify that hazardous substance means of containment, objects or non-dangerous substances in the vehicle must be stored, secured or immobilized;
- prohibit installation of dangerous substance means of containment on or in front of the front bumpers of a motor vehicle;
- require that any double train less than 25 metres long transporting dangerous substances that requires the affixing of dangerous goods safety mark placards must be a Type B instead of requiring this only for tank trucks;
- grant an additional two-year period to tank truck owners to equip their vehicles with a speed recording system allowing recording of the date and time when a speed was recorded;
- prohibit, in tunnels where transportation of dangerous substances is regulated, transportation of more than 25 litres (total capacity of all containers) of flammable liquid;
- prohibit, in tunnels where transportation of dangerous substances is regulated, that the tanks of equipment fixed to the vehicle contain more than 75 litres of flammable liquid;
- allow transportation on cranes, in tunnels where transportation of dangerous substances is regulated, of two 46-litre cylinders of flammable or combustible gas, as is permitted for any other vehicle.

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