

Notification of Environmental Measure for the Agreement on Internal Trade

1. Jurisdiction

Government of Québec

2. Notification status

Public consultation on a draft regulation.

3. Closure date for comments

August 22, 2010

4. Effective date

Will be determined when the regulation is adopted (15 days after publication).

5. Issue

The Regulation respecting environmental standards for heavy vehicles has been in effect in Québec since 2006. This regulation establishes emissions standards for heavy vehicles in order to decrease, among other things, the fine particles emitted by diesel engines. Fine particles are toxic substances which can be damaging to public health.

The purpose of the regulation is to tighten emission standards in order to continue improving air quality. Higher vehicle maintenance standards will also decrease their production of greenhouse gases. The adoption of new standards that are identical to those in Ontario will bring Québec into compliance with the Quebec-Ontario Trade and Cooperation Agreement. In addition, adjustments to the regulation will allow for easier application.

6. Official name

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting environmental standards for heavy vehicles.

7. Key words

Polluting emissions, fine particles, heavy vehicles, inspection and maintenance.

8. Legal framework

**REGULATION TO AMEND THE REGULATION RESPECTING
ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS FOR HEAVY VEHICLES
Environment Quality Act**

(R.S.Q., c. Q-2, s. 31, 1st par., sub-sections c, d, h to h.2, s. 53, sub-sections a and c and s. 109.1)

<http://www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca/air/pieval/reglement-en.pdf>

9. Category

Draft regulation.

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11. Summary

The draft Regulation sets, as of October 1, 2010, more restrictive standards concerning air emissions from diesel-powered heavy vehicles. The draft Regulation specifies which vehicles are exempt from the application of the Regulation, who the owners of the vehicles to which the Regulation applies are and how long attestations issued in accordance with the Regulation must be kept. It also specifies what instruments and methods must be used to measure emissions from diesel-powered heavy vehicles. Lastly, the draft Regulation sets stricter penalties for owners, concerning the driving or sale of heavy vehicles that do not comply with the Regulation and that have not been repaired in accordance with the conditions set out in the Regulation. The amendments will allow for more effective application of environmental measures that apply to heavy vehicles and is an evolution of the regulation adopted in December 2005.

12. Notification date

June 23, 2010