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REGULATION AMENDING THE Special Road Train Operating Permits Regulation

The gouvernement du Québec adopted the *Regulation amending the Special Road Train Operating Permits Regulation*, which was published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* on July 2, 2014. The provisions of this regulation will come into force 15 days after the publication date.

The *Special Road Train Operating Permits Regulation* authorizes road trains exceeding 25 metres in length to travel on divided highways and in the surrounding areas. Road trains with a length of more than 25 metres are often referred to as "large road trains".

The main amendments to the regulation are aimed at:

- replacing, for purposes of harmonizing signage with the neighbouring provinces, the sign that must be displayed at the rear of large road trains and specifying the sign installation requirements. Note that the sign bearing the words "TRAIN ROUTIER", which meets the requirements in effect before this amendment to the regulation, can still be used in 2014 and 2015;
- ensuring consistency between the information requested from the operator of a heavy vehicle registered outside Québec to obtain a special operating permit and the provisions of the *Act respecting owners, operators and drivers of heavy vehicles*;
- repealing two expired transitional provisions concerning the characteristics of axles for semi-trailers and certain roads on which large road trains are allowed to travel.

For more information on large road trains, you can consult the website of the ministère des Transports du Québec at www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca or you can contact us.