



3. b. Québec Update on Issues and Developments

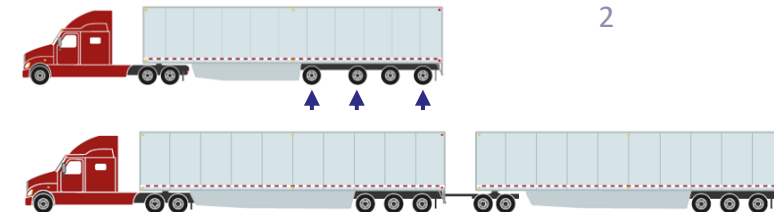
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Task Force on Vehicle Weights and Dimensions Policy

Final Step to Reform 2 regulations:

Vehicle Load and Size Limits, 1991, 1998, 1999, 2010, **2013**

Special Road Train Operating Permits, 1987, 1999, **2005**, 2014, 2019



Background Timeline:

2016: Initial work begins

2019: Industry feedback on proposed RNCD changes (**lift axles**, towing, snow removal)

2020: Shift from amendments to full reform

2025-09-03 to 2025-10-18: Official Gazette prepublication + industry consultation

(https://www.publicationsduquebec.gouv.qc.ca/fileadmin/gazette/pdf_encrypte/gaz_entiere/2536-A.pdf)

2026-01: Expected effective date

Context:

Federal-provincial-territorial agreements on vehicle weights and dimensions

Harmonization of special permit conditions for large road trains in Eastern Canada

Industry requests for regulatory flexibility and modernization

Components of the Reforms

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1. Integration of 5 Special Permit Models ([Article 633](#)):

Crane or crane truck with trailer

Delestable axle, fork lift, cars carrier, tractor wheelbase, B train length, tractor tridem

Long combination vehicle, A train, 12.2 m semi-trailer

Long combination vehicle, car carrier

Straight truck with a rear-facing lifting system

2. Integration of 4 Ministerial Orders ([Article 633.2](#)):

Rear aerodynamic systems

Bus standards

Flatbed tow truck transport

Restrictions on LCV circulation during holidays and peak hours

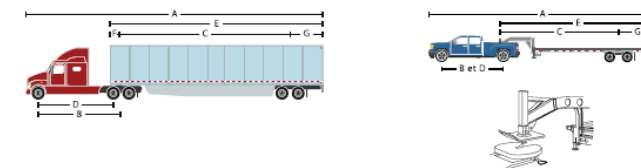
3. Technological Adaptation:

Definition of wide-base tires

Liftable axles on motor vehicles and trailers

4. Update structures and regulatory texts

3.1.6 Tracteur / semi-remorque de type 1



DIMENSION	LIMITE																								
Longueur	A $\leq$ 23 m																								
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Hauteur	$\leq$ 4,15 m																								
Tracteur (maximum 2 essieux à l'arrière)																									
Entraxe	D $\leq$ 3 m																								
Largeur	$\leq$ 2,6 m																								
Semi-remorque																									
Longueur	E $\leq$ 16,2 m																								
Décalage du pivot d'attelage	F $\leq$ 2 m																								
Porte-à-faux arrière effectif	G $\leq$ 35 % de l'empattement de la semi-remorque																								
Largeur	$\leq$ 2,6 m lorsque la largeur de roulement de chacun des essieux est $\geq$ 2,5 m $\leq$ 2,5 m lorsque la largeur de roulement d'un essieu est < 2,5 m																								

Dispositions particulières et dispositions transitoires :

• Voir section 3.2 AUTRES DISPOSITIONS PARTICULIÈRES (dimension).

Question received:

Transport of Dangerous Goods by LCV

(not requiring an Emergency Response Assistance Plan)

The prohibition on transporting certain dangerous goods **falls under the** Transportation of Dangerous Substances Regulation (**C-24.2, r. 43**), not under the *Special Road Train Operating Permits Regulation*.

Planning

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REFORM 2026

- Transportation of Dangerous Substances Regulation 2002, 2005, 2010, 2011, 2013

REFORM after

- Regulation respecting special permits 1990, **1993**, 1999, 2010, 2019
~ 43000 permits/year



Reports on the status of changes

MOU

- Increase in the tractor steering axle weight limit from 5500 kg to 6000 kg
No impact (axle load limit = 9,000 kg)
- Changes in the dimension limits for Stinger Steer Automobile or Boat Carrier
Only on divided highways

National Guidelines

- Tractor with Extended Length Semitrailer (Length > 16.2 m)
Only on divided highways (special permit)
- Extended Length Stinger Steer Automobile or Boat Carrier (Up to 27.43 m)
Only on divided highways (special permit)



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