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2024 Quebec Spring Thaw Reminder

Dear Valued Customer,

We would like to bring to your attention to the following requirements when shipping your cargo.

Dry containers

MAXIMUM WEIGHT RESTRICTION FOR 20'	MAXIMUM WEIGHT RESTRICTION FOR 40'
42,200 LBS (19.14 MT) MAX PAYLOAD	52,100 LBS (23.63 MT) MAX PAYLOAD

Reefer containers

MAXIMUM WEIGHT RESTRICTION FOR 20'	MAXIMUM WEIGHT RESTRICTION FOR 40'
40,200 LBS (18.23 MT) MAX PAYLOAD	50,100 LBS (22.72 MT) MAX PAYLOAD

The Ministère des Transports du Québec reminds heavy vehicle users and shippers that, as each year, authorized load limits are reduced during the spring thaw period in order to take into account the weaker load bearing capacity of the road network during that period.

For the 2023, spring thaw period, the forecasted dates the load restrictions start and end in each of the thaw zones are as follows:

THAW PERIOD – PREDICTED DATES

- Zone 1: Monday, March 18th (00:01) to Friday, May 10th (23:59)
- Zone 2: Monday, March 25th (00:01) to Friday, May 17th (23:59)
- Zone 3: Monday, April 1st (00:01) to Friday, May 24th (23:59)

Depending on changes in weather conditions, the start and end of the load restriction period can be moved ahead or postponed.

For more specific information please follow the Transport Quebec website below.

<https://www.transports.gouv.qc.ca/en/camionnage/degel-periode-restrictions-charges/Pages/periode-degel.aspx>



It is also important to note that the weight restrictions not only apply to the total cargo weight in the container but also to the distribution of the weight over the axles of the chassis. If the weight is not distributed **evenly across all axles**, the container will then be subject to an axle overloading fine. All charges will be for the account of the shipper.

Start and end dates by zone are subject to change depending on weather conditions. Please consult the Quebec Ministry of Transport website for the most up-to-date information:

- ZONE 1 Montreal--Montmagny--Sherbrooke--St-Jerome
- ZONE 2 Val D'Or--Chicoutimi--Sept-Îles--Rivière du Loup
- ZONE 3 Remaining portion of QUEBEC

(Zones and Periods also to be found here:

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During this period, the maximum cargo weight for all shipments moving by truck to and from Montreal is restricted. The Canadian Pacific Railway and Canadian National Railway will also restrict acceptance of rail shipment with a Montreal destination to the maximum highway cargo weight limit during this period. Loads exceeding the given cargo weights may incur extra costs

that will need to be guaranteed prior to the delivery. The additional costs may include extra miles driven, partial de-vanning to reduce load to legal weight limits and/or fines.