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UPDATED "INVOLVEMENT IN ACCIDENTS" CONDUCT AREA AND CONSIDERATION OF OFFENCES RELATED TO A SPECIAL TRAVEL PERMIT

CHANGES INTRODUCED TO THE "INVOLVEMENT IN ACCIDENTS" CONDUCT AREA

Conduct Review Policy for Heavy Vehicle Owners and Operators (HVOOs)

New assessment and intervention procedures regarding the "Involvement in accidents" conduct area will come into effect in 2013. These new procedures were discussed during consultations with industry representatives in December 2011.

Updated threshold values

The threshold values applicable to the "Involvement in accidents" conduct area have been updated and will come into effect on February 1, 2013. These threshold values were temporarily raised by 20% when accidents with property damage only were included in heavy vehicle operators' records as of December 7, 2008.

[See the updated threshold value table](#)

Letter sent to operators when an accident with injuries is entered on their record

Starting in June 2013, an information letter will be sent to operators who have not yet reached 50% of the applicable threshold in the "Involvement in accidents" conduct area every time an accident with injuries is entered on their record. This new measure aims to intervene using a more preventive approach with operators in order to encourage them to monitor their record and improve their behaviour.

Conduct Review Policy for Heavy Vehicle Drivers

The assessment and intervention procedures regarding the "Involvement in accidents" conduct area described in the Conduct Review Policy for Heavy Vehicle Drivers remain unchanged.

REMINDER: OBLIGATIONS OF OPERATORS WHO HOLD A SPECIAL TRAVEL PERMIT

Heavy vehicle operators who carry out non-standard transportation movements must hold a special travel permit (issued by the SAAQ or by the Minister, depending on the case) and comply with the attached conditions. These conditions are varied and may change according to the nature of the permit.

One or more escort vehicles complying with certain regulatory requirements could be necessary for carrying out a transportation movement. As a holder of a special travel permit, the operator is

responsible for using a compliant escort vehicle. Operators who do not meet this condition will receive an offence statement, and this offence will be entered on their record.

As indicated in the [HVOO information bulletin published in December 2005](#) (in French only), the offence may be deleted from the record if the holder proves that he was not the operator of the transportation movement or following the presentation of the record of an acquittal.

TO FIND OUT MORE

- [Conduct Review Policy for Heavy Vehicle Owners and Operators](#)
- [Table of threshold values used for the ongoing conduct review of heavy vehicle operators](#)
- [Conduct Review Policy and Excellence Program for Heavy Vehicle Drivers](#)

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