

2024 SPRING THAW REGULATIONS

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Dear Valued Customer,

Please note that to comply with Quebec Ministry of Transport regulations, MSC Canada will be applying restrictions to cargo weight during the annual Spring Thaw period. Please see below **tentative** dates by zone:



THAW PERIOD – TENTATIVE DATES

Zone 1: March 18 – May 10
Zone 2: March 25 – May 17
Zone 3: April 1 – May 24

These weight restrictions will apply to all pre-carriage and on-carriage deliveries to and from the province of Quebec performed **by truck** within the period. The maximum allowable cargo weights are below for your reference.

	DRY	REEFER	SURCHARGE
20DV	Up to 19,050 KGS	20RE Up to 18,500 KGS	N/A
20DV	19,051 – 24,040 KGS	20RE 18,501 – 22,000 KGS	\$350 USD
40DV-HC	Up to 19,950 KGS	40RE Up to 19,950 KGS	N/A
40DV-HC	19,951 – 24,947 KGS	40RE 19,951 – 24,404 KGS	\$350 USD

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, without notice, depending on weather conditions. Please consult the Quebec Ministry of Transport website for the most up-to-date information:

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

For further information concerning Spring Thaw regulations, please contact your local MSC Canada office.