

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 595

, Approved and Ordered

December 15, 2025

  
Wendy Coccia  
Lieutenant Governor

**Executive Council Chambers, Victoria**

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, B.C. Reg. 26/58, are amended as set out in the attached Schedule.

  
Mike Farnworth  
Minister of Transportation and Transit

  
Presiding Member of the Executive Council

*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)*

**Authority under which Order is made:**

Act and section: *Motor Vehicle Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 318, s. 209*

Other: *OIC 1004/58*

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## SCHEDULE

### **1 Section 7.1631 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, B.C. Reg. 26/58, is amended**

#### **(a) by adding the following subsection:**

(0.1) In this section:

“carrier” has the same meaning as in section 37.01;

“minister” has the same meaning as in section 7.163 (1);

“sign requiring the use of chains” has the same meaning as in section 7.163 (1)., and

#### **(b) by adding the following subsections:**

- (3) Subject to subsection (4), a person who drives or operates a motor vehicle referred to in subsection (1) may comply with a sign requiring the use of chains by equipping the motor vehicle with a traction device, instead of chains, if all of the following requirements are met:
  - (a) the minister has authorized the traction device to be used on the motor vehicle;
  - (b) the person’s use of the traction device complies with the authorization;
  - (c) the authorization is
    - (i) in the person’s possession, and
    - (ii) if required by the authorization, displayed on the motor vehicle;
  - (d) the traction device is used on the motor vehicle in the manner intended by the manufacturer of the traction device.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not apply if the minister specifies otherwise in a public notice or sign placed under section 208 of the Act.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (3), the minister may, by written authorization granted to a carrier, do the following:
  - (a) authorize the use of a traction device on a commercial motor vehicle to which this section or section 7.1632, 7.1633 or 7.1634 applies;
  - (b) include terms and conditions that do any of the following:
    - (i) specify training requirements that must be met by drivers or operators;
    - (ii) limit the authorization to particular motor vehicles, places or highways;
    - (iii) specify the type of traction device that may be used;
    - (iv) require the carrier to provide records or reports;
    - (v) specify an expiry date that is not more than one year after the date on which the authorization takes effect;
    - (vi) impose other requirements the minister considers appropriate.
- (6) A carrier to whom an authorization is granted must comply with the terms and conditions of the authorization.

2      ***Sections 7.1632, 7.1633 and 7.1634 are amended by adding the following subsection:***

(3) Section 7.1631 (3) to (6) applies for the purposes of this section.