


PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 595, Approved and Ordered December 15, 2025



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.



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.