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2024 Quebec Spring Thaw Period

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We at Maersk constantly strive to provide reliable and innovative products to our customers. To continue offering our high-quality reliability, we would like to alert you to changes in Quebec Weight Levels for 2024 based on the Spring Thaw Period.

The Quebec Ministry of Transport has issued its regulations for the annual Spring Thaw Period. This restriction is placed by the local authorities to account for road network's lower weight bearing capacity during the annual thaw period. The weight restrictions apply to all truck movement to and from Quebec. To comply with the regulations – Maersk will implement the following maximum acceptable cargo weight restrictions:

For Cross Border shipments to – from Quebec, we are glad to be able to offer:

Container type	Dry	Reefer	Surcharge
20'	Up to 47,000 lbs	Up to 46,000 lbs	N/A
20'	47,001 - 52,000 lbs	46,001 – 48,000 lbs	\$375
40'	Up to 47,000 lbs	Up to 42,000 lbs	N/A
40'	47,001 to 55,000 lbs	42,001 to 55,000 lbs	\$375

For Montreal to Toronto, Toronto to Montreal and Montreal domestic, we are glad to be able to offer:

Container type	Dry	Reefer	Surcharge
20'	Up to 44,000 lbs	Up to 40,000 lbs	N/A
20'	44,001 - 52,000 lbs	40,001 – 49,600 lbs	\$375
40'	Up to 44,000 lbs	Up to 40,000 lbs	N/A
40'	44,001 to 54,000 lbs	40,001 to 52,900 lbs	\$375

Weight restrictions are not limited to the total cargo weight in the container. Restrictions require proper weight distribution over the axles.

2024 Thaw Period Dates*
Zone 1: From Monday, March 4th (00:01) to Friday, April 26th (23:59)
Zone 2: From Monday, March 25th (00:01) to Friday, May 17th (23:59)
Zone 3: From Monday, April 1st (00: 01) to Friday, May 24th (23:59)

Please refer to below map, should guidance be required on zone geography:
[Thaw Zones - Transports et Mobilité durable Québec \(gouv.qc.ca\)](#)

*Thaw Period Dates are subject to change without any notification and are dependent on weather conditions. Please refer to the Quebec Ministry of Transport for the most update to date details:
<https://www.transports.gouv.qc.ca/en/camionnage/degel-periode-restrictions-charges/Pages/periode-degel.aspx>
(English version)

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