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Dear Stakeholders:

Re: Regulatory Changes Related to Road-Building Machines

Over the past few years, the Ministry of Transportation has been working closely with key stakeholder groups as it reviews the definition of Road-Building Machine (RBM) and the operating conditions and exemptions these vehicles are currently granted under the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA). Changes related to RBMs require both legislative and regulatory amendments. Legislative changes were approved as part of the *Jobs for Today and Tomorrow Act (Budget Measures, 2016)*. Regulatory changes are pending approval.

Upon final approval of the proposed regulations, the ministry anticipates the changes will come into force on July 1, 2017.

If approved, vehicles that do not meet the new RBM definition will be classified as commercial motor vehicles and will be required to comply with Ontario's regulations. As outlined in the [Regulatory Registry posting](#), a number of regulatory changes are proposed. To assist with industry transition, the ministry is proposing grandfathering provisions, for some vehicles currently in use that operate outside the HTA weight and dimensions limits, by way of a special vehicle permit. This special vehicle permits will be available to hydrovacs, sewer cleaners and street sweepers manufactured prior to January 1, 2017.

Ministry staff will continue to provide regular updates on implementation to assist information sharing with industry members and to assist with industry transition in advance of these changes.

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Hurst".

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