Pursuant to subsection 31(2.1) of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992 (TDG Act) the Minister may, in the public interest, issue a temporary certificate authorizing any activity to be carried on in a manner that does not comply with the TDG Act.

Following the declaration of a pandemic outbreak of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020 and with the adoption of temporary measures put in place by provincial authorities, many registered Means of Containment Facilities have temporarily closed or are limiting travel for their employees who perform mobile inspections.

In my opinion, the issuance of a temporary certificate is in the public interest and I hereby authorize the handling, the offering for transport, the transport, or importation of dangerous goods in a manner that does not comply with:

- the testing and inspection requirements of standardized means of containment prescribed by Part 5 of the TDG Regulations.

This temporary certificate is subject to the following terms and conditions:

a) The dangerous goods are not handled, offered for transport, transported, or imported by rail tank cars;

b) The expired inspection and test markings remain visibly and legibly printed on the means of containment and were valid on February 29, 2020;

c) There are no other non-compliances or safety defects with the means of containment;

d) The means of containment is inspected and tested at the first available opportunity once inspection and test facilities resume operations; and

e) The means of containment is not subject of any notice of defective construction or recall, or any notice of defective repair or defective testing as per Section 9 of the TDG Act.
For greater certainty, this temporary certificate provides no regulatory relief other than specifically stated herein. Therefore, all other requirements of the *TDG Act* and the *TDG Regulations* apply.

This temporary certificate takes effect on March 27, 2020. It remains in effect until the earliest of:

- September 30, 2020, or
- the day it is cancelled in writing by the Minister of Transport.

Benoit Turcotte  
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Date: March 27, 2020

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