

Driving restrictions, goods transport, 2016 Belgium

There are no driving restrictions on goods vehicles at weekends or on public holidays.

Abnormal load transports

Motorway and other roads traffic bans

Movements of abnormal loads with a width exceeding 4.00 m or length exceeding 30.00 m are prohibited from **06h00 to 21h00**.

On motorways with less than 3 lanes along the lines followed, with the exception of access and exit lanes marked by a panel F5 on motorways with more than 3 lanes, movements of abnormal loads with a width exceeding 3.50 m are prohibited from **06h00 to 21h00**.



Movements of abnormal loads are prohibited on public holidays: 1 January, Easter Monday, 1 May, Ascension Day, Whit Monday, 21 July, 15 August, 1 November, 11 November and 25 December. The prohibition applies from **16h00 on the previous day to 24h00 on the same day**.

Movements of abnormal loads are prohibited from **Saturday 12h00 to Sunday 24h00**, except for cranes vehicles not exceeding a mass of 96 tonnes, or a width of 3.00 meters.

Movements of abnormal loads are prohibited from **07h00 to 09h00 and from 16h00 to 18h00**, except for abnormal load vehicles not exceeding a mass of 60 tonnes, a width exceeding 3.5 m or length exceeding 27.00 m, provided that the license does not provide for prescription that may have an impact on traffic flow on the route by imposing special maneuvers or limiting the speed of the abnormal load vehicle.

Driving bans mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs, as regards roads other than motorways, do not apply to agricultural vehicles.

The permit may contain specific provisions derogating from the provisions above.

Traffic conditions

Movements of abnormal loads are prohibited when there is snow or ice on the road and in case of fog, snowfall or rain reducing visibility to less than 200 metres.

The user or driver of the abnormal load vehicle or, where applicable, the traffic coordinator, must inspect the selected route at least 5 calendar days before the planned abnormal load transport.

Source: FEBETRA, January 2016

Driving restrictions, goods transport, 2016 Bulgaria

<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	all goods vehicles over 15t
<i>Prohibition</i>	permanent till the end of the maintenance works
<i>Road concerned</i>	road I-1 between km 276+162 and km 282+485
<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	all goods vehicles of over 12t total laden weight
<i>Prohibition</i>	permanent till the end of the maintenance works
<i>Road concerned</i>	road I-3 between km 193+345 (intersection with the road to Pravetz junction) and km 204+200 (intersection with I-1)
<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	all goods vehicles of over 15t total laden weight
<i>Prohibition</i>	permanent
<i>Road concerned</i>	road I-5, section Tchernootchene – Kardjali
	The vehicles concerned should use the following routes:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <i>direction Haskovo – Kardjali</i>: road I-5 – road III-505 – Manastir – road III-507 – Voyvodino – Most – Tchiflik – Kardjali · <i>direction Assenovgrad – Kardjali</i>: road II-58 – road I-5, direction Haskovo – road III-505 – Manastir – road III-507 – Voyvodino – Most – Tchiflik – Kardjali · <i>direction Mineralni Bani – Kardjali</i>: road III-506 – road III-806 – road I-5 – road III-505 – Manastir – road III-507 – Voyvodino – Most – Tchiflik – Kardjali
<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	all goods motor vehicles of over 12t total laden weight (N3) and the towing of trailers and semi trailers with MPW over 10t (O4)
<i>Prohibition</i>	from 1 November to 31 March
<i>Road concerned</i>	I-5 between km 155+250 and km 184 +000 (Shipka Pass)
	The vehicles concerned should use the route Radnevo – road II-57 – Pet mogili – Novoselez – road II-55 – Mlekarevo – Radevo – Nova Zagora — road I-6 – Gurkovo – Prohod na Republikata – Veliko Tarnovo.
<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	all goods vehicles of over 3.5t total laden weight
<i>Prohibition</i>	permanent
<i>Road concerned</i>	road I-5, section Podkova – Makasa
<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	all vehicles
<i>Prohibition</i>	permanent till the end of the maintenance works

Road concerned I-7, section Varbishki Pass
The vehicles concerned should use the Kotlenski Pass (I-4 road), the Rijki Pass (II-73 road) or the Prohod na Republikata Pass (road II-55).

Vehicles concerned all goods vehicles of over 10t total laden weight

Prohibition permanent

Road concerned II-82, section Kostenez (km 0+000) – Smokov (km 39+176)

Vehicles concerned all vehicles exceeding the maximum authorised weights and dimensions

Prohibition throughout the year:

- if visibility is less than 50m due to mist, heavy rain or snow;
- in icy conditions;
- during hours of darkness and at rush hours, except in cases of emergency or natural catastrophe.

Vehicles concerned all goods vehicles of over 12t total laden weight

Prohibition permanent during the public holidays.

In case of consecutive non working days including at least one public holiday:

- on the last working day on the eve of the series of non working days: from 16h00 to 20h00 (see the list below)
- on the last day of the series of non working days: from 14h00 to 20h00 (see the list below)
 - 3 January from 14h00 to 20h00;
 - 2 March from 16h00 to 20h00;
 - 6 March from 14h00 to 20h00;
 - 28 April from 16h00 to 20h00;
 - 2 May from 14h00 to 20h00;
 - 5 May from 16h00 to 20h00;
 - 8 May from 14h00 to 20h00
 - 20 May from 16h00 to 20h00;
 - 24 May from 14h00 to 20h00;
 - 2 September from 16h00 to 20h00;
 - 6 September from 14h00 to 20h00;
 - 21 September from 16h00 to 20h00;
 - 25 September from 14h00 to 20h00;
 - 23 December from 16h00 to 20h00;
 - 26 December from 14h00 to 20h00;
 - 30 December from 16h00 to 20h00;
 - 1 January 2017 from 14h00 to 20h00.

Prohibition

Summer restriction from 1 June to 15 September

- on Friday: from 17h00 to 20h00

Exceptions: 2 September, restriction for public holidays will apply and 9 September, no driving restrictions.

- on Sunday: from 14h00 to 20h00

Exceptions: 4 and 11 September, no driving restrictions.

Road concerned

- all motorways
- roads class I
 - road I-1 section Vidin – Botevgrad
 - road I-1 section Blagoevgrad – border crossing point “Kulata” (with Greece);
 - road I-4 section junction Koritna – Veliko Tarnovo – Shumen;
 - road I-5 section Ruse – Veliko Tarnovo;
 - road I-8 section border crossing point “Kalotina” (with Serbia) – border crossing point “Kapitan Andreevo” (with Turkey);
 - road I-9 section Durankulak – Varna – Burgas.
- roads class II
 - road II-18 Sofia ringroad;
 - road II-19 section Simitli – Gotze Delchev;
 - road II-86 section Plovdiv – Smolian;
 - road II-99 section Burgas – Tsarevo.

The restriction does not apply to motor vehicles transporting perishable foodstuffs and goods under temperature regime, livestock and dangerous goods (ADR).

ADDITIONAL SUMMER RESTRICTION

Vehicles concerned all vehicles of over 20t total laden weight

Prohibition

during the summer period, from 13h00 to 21h00 when temperature exceeds 35°C

MAIN RESTRICTIONS IN SOFIA

Vehicles concerned trucks and combined vehicles of 4t MPW and above

Prohibition every day, from 7h00 to 21h00.

Area concerned **Sofia City centre**

The limits of the zone affected by these restrictions are as follows: Opalchenska str. – Slivnitsa bld. – Gen. Danail Nikolaev bld. – Evlogui Gueorguiev bld. – Bulgaria bld. – Pencho Slaveikov bld. – Gen. Totleben bld. – Gen. Skobelev bld. – Opalcheska str.

(N.B.: the restrictions do not apply to the streets mentioned above, but only to the area bordered by these streets)

Vehicles concerned trucks and combined vehicles of 15t MPW and above
Prohibition every day in Zone 1

Area concerned **Sofia City – Zone 1**

The limits of the zone affected by these restrictions are as follows:

Konstantin Velichkov bld. – Gabrovo str. – Skopie str. – Nadejda crossroad – 202 str. – Kamenodelska str. – Malashevaska str. – Parva balgarska armia str. – Rezbarska str. – Vassil Kanchev str. – Reka Veleka str. – Alexander Ekzarh str. – Madrid bld. – Sitniakovo bld. – Peio lavorov bld. – Nikola Vaptzarov bld. – Cherni vrah bld. – Srebarna str. – Gotze Delchev bld. – Jitnitza str. – Nikola Mushanov bld. – Vazkresenie bld. – Konstantin Velichkov bld.

(N.B.: the restrictions do not apply to the streets mentioned above, but only to the area bordered by these streets).

The following streets and boulevards are not affected by the restriction:

Slivnica bld., Vladajska reka str., Zidarska str., Gradinarska str., Rezbarska str., Gen. Danail Nikolaev bld., Konstantin Stoilov bld., Kamenodelska str., Gen. Vladimir Vazov bld., Chavdar Bridge and Zletovo str.

Public holidays 2016

1 January	New Year's Day
3 March	National Day
4 March	<i>Additional public holiday</i>
29 April	Good Friday (Orthodox)
1 May	Easter Sunday (Orthodox), Labour Day
2 May	Easter Monday
6 May	Bulgarian Army Day
23 May	<i>Additional public holiday</i>
24 May	Day of Slavonic Alphabet
5 September	<i>Additional public holiday</i>
6 September	Day of Unification
22 September	Independence Day
23 September	<i>Additional public holiday</i>
1 November	Day of the Leaders of the National Revival (working day)
24 December	Christmas Eve
25 December	Christmas
26 December	Christmas

Additional working days for 2016, on Saturday: 12 March, 14 May, 10 and 17 September

Source: AEBTRI, January 2016

Driving Restrictions, Goods Transport Denmark

There are no driving restrictions on goods traffic at weekends or on public holidays.

Local driving restrictions

There are, however, local driving restrictions in the centre of Copenhagen for goods vehicles of over 18t MPW. The area concerned is bordered by the following streets: Nørre- and Vester Voldgade, Stormgade, Holmens Kanal and Gothersgade. The route via Chr.IX's Gade - Kr. Bernikowsgade - Bremerholm is authorised.

Furthermore, vehicles of over 3.5t MPW are forbidden to cross Amagertorv and the surrounding pedestrianised streets.

In exceptional cases, exemptions may be granted. Applications should be made to -

Københavns Politi - Trafikafdelingen
(Copenhagen Police - Traffic Department)
Anker Heegaardsgade 1,1
DK - 1572 Copenhagen V
Tel: (+45) 33 14 14 48

Oresund Bridge

Transport of Dangerous Goods

The transport of dangerous goods is forbidden on the bridge between 06h00 and 23h00 (category E) and between 23h00 and 06h00 (category B).

Further information is available [here](#).

Abnormal Load Transport

Special prices and conditions (limited time periods for crossing) apply for abnormal load transport on the Oresund Bridge. Authorisation must be obtained from the Danish police authorities and the Oresund Bridge Traffic Centre must be notified at least two hours before the vehicle crosses the bridge at the following phone number: +45 33 41 65 91. The authorisation, the size of the vehicle as well as the time slot, must be given at the toll gate.

Further information is available [here](#).

Great Belt Bridge

Abnormal load transport must obtain prior authorisation in order to cross the bridge. Vehicles over 2.8m in length need authorisation by phone from the Observation Room (tel: +45 58 30 30 51) at least two hours before crossing the bridge.

Vehicles between 100t and 350t, or over 4.5m in width or driving at a speed of less than 45 km/h need prior written approval. Authorisation from the police and a class certificate must be sent to the following fax number +45 58 30 30 03 at least three days before crossing the bridge.

Further information is available [here](#).

Summer Driving Restrictions

Between 15 June and 31 August, if temperatures reach 25 degrees Celsius and over, a driving ban may be enforced from 12h00 to 18h00 for heavy vehicles transporting abnormal loads.

Source: ITD, January 2016

Driving restrictions, goods transport, 2016 Estonia

There are no driving restrictions on goods vehicles on Sundays or on public holidays.

Local driving restrictions

Vehicles concerned	Vehicles transporting dangerous goods
Area	Tallinn
Prohibition	On working days from 07h00 to 09h00 and from 17h00 to 19h00

Source: ERAA, January 2016

Driving Restrictions, Goods Transport United Kingdom

There are no driving restrictions at weekends or on public holidays in the United Kingdom.

Local restrictions

Vehicles concerned	trucks exceeding 18t total permissible weight
Prohibition	during the week, from 21h00 to 07h00; at weekends, from 13h00 on Saturday to 07h00 on Monday
Area	Greater London - all roads, except motorways and certain major roads, in those areas administered by the London Boroughs' Transport Scheme (applies to all 33 London boroughs)
Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . vehicles operating under special authorisation because they are carrying an abnormal indivisible load; . vehicles "whose load is required for the purposes of dealing with any emergency affecting the safety of persons or property".

Transport operators must apply for exemption permits which are supplied free of charge by the [London Lorry Control Team](#).

In certain circumstances short-term permits are available at short notice for single journeys. Operators should note, however, that permit conditions impose special routing requirements on drivers. For more detailed information, operators should contact the above office.

Local restrictions – outside of London

Outside of London there are numerous other restrictions for heavy goods vehicles both in town centres and rural areas of outstanding natural beauty. Drivers should follow the special signs guiding them through or around areas where restrictions are in place.

For information on the **London Low Emission Zone** and **Congestion Charging** area go to <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/low-emission-zone> and www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/congestioncharging

Public holidays 2016

1 January	New Year's Day
4 January	New Year Holiday (only Scotland)
17 March	St Patrick's Day (only N.Ireland)
25 March	Good Friday (Easter)
28 March	Easter Monday Bank Holiday
2 May	May Bank Holiday
30 May	Spring Bank Holiday
12 July	Bank Holiday (only N.Ireland)
1 August	Bank Holiday (only Scotland)
29 August	Bank Holiday
30 November	St Andrew's Day (only Scotland)
25 December	Christmas
26 December	Boxing Day (St Stephen's Day)
27 December	Christmas Day substitute

Sources: RHA, January 2016

Driving Restrictions, Goods Transport, 2016 Portugal

Vehicles concerned	vehicles of over 3.5t used for the transport of dangerous goods																																		
Prohibition	every day, including Sundays and public holidays, from 05h00 to 02h00 on the following day																																		
Road concerned	25 April Bridge (Tagus bridge)																																		
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Road concerned	tunnels on the A23 motorway : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gardunha Tunnels, southbound, exit Fundão Sul (km 158.1) · Gardunha Tunnels, northbound, exit Castelo Novo (km 148.8) <i>NB: compulsory exit is signposted 1500m before the slip road</i>																																		
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Exceptions: (apply to all the routes indicated above, with the exception of the tunnels and the 25 April Bridge)

- dangerous goods destined for public or private health units;
- dangerous goods destined for the armed forces or the police;
- dangerous goods unloaded from or to be loaded on to ships (transport of dangerous goods to/from sea ports);
- transport of fuel for the supply of airports or sea ports.

Special authorisations

The IMTT (Mobility and Inland Transport Institute) may issue special authorisations for vehicles

- which carry out loading operations during restricted periods if, simultaneously, the production or storage unit where the vehicle is loaded is served only by a restricted road and if this road allows direct access to another unrestricted road;
- which are carrying dangerous goods necessary for the continuous operation of production units.

Requests for special authorisations should be addressed to the “IMT I.P.”, tel: (+351 21) 794 90 00.

The following documents and information are required:

- a photocopy of the vehicle’s registration certificate;
- the vehicle’s ADR certificate, where applicable;
- the name and address of the transport operator;
- the list of goods to be transported indicating the ADR class and the UN identification number;
- the proposed date, time and route of the transport operation.

Local traffic restrictions

Lisbon

The transit, loading or unloading of goods vehicles of over 2.6t total weight is forbidden between 8h00 and 10h00 and between 17h00 and 19h00. The area concerned is signposted accordingly. In pedestrian precincts throughout the city, loading and unloading are prohibited from 8h00 to 10h00 and from 11h30 to 19h00.

Porto

The transit, loading or unloading of HGVs is forbidden in Porto between 14h00 and 19h00. The limits of the zone concerned by this prohibition are the following : the inner ring road, from Ponte da Arrábida to Bessa Leite, Rua de António Bessa Leite, Rua de Pedro Hispano, Rua da Constituição, Rua Cinco de Outubro, Rua Domingos Sequeira, Rua Quinta Amarela, Rua Egas Moniz, Rua Damiao de Gois, Rua Joao Pedro Ribeiro, Praça Marques de Pombal, Rua Latino Coelho, Praça Rainha D. Amélia, Rua Nova de S. Crispim, Av. Fernao de Magalhaes, Campo 24 de Agosto, Rua Duque de Saldanha, Largo Padre Baltazar Guedes, Av. Gustavo Eiffel, Tunel da Ribeira, Rua do Infante D. Henrique, Rua Nova da Alfandega, Rua de Monchique, Cais das Pedras, Alameda Basilio Teles, Cais do Bicalho and Rua do Ouro.

The prohibition does not apply to the following vehicles: public transport vehicles; the fire brigade; vehicles of the armed forces and the police force; government vehicles; municipal vehicles; post office vehicles; emergency or first aid vehicles; vehicles transporting either livestock or other goods, provided they have authorisation.

Other cities

Other cities have local driving restrictions. Restricted areas are signposted.

Public holidays 2016

1 January	New Year's Day
25 March	Good Friday
27 March	Easter Sunday
25 April	Liberation Day
1 May	Labour Day
10 June	National Day
15 August	Assumption
8 December	Immaculate Conception
25 December	Christmas Day

Information: For 2016, the Portuguese Government maintains the elimination of four national holidays (26 May - 5 October - 1 November - 1 December).

Source: ANTRAM, December 2015

Driving Restrictions, Goods Transport Turkey

Driving restrictions apply to heavy goods vehicles from 6h00 to 10h00 and from 16h00 to 22h00 every day on the Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridge (FSM), which connects Europe and Asia. Vehicles transporting dangerous goods are allowed to cross the bridge from 02h00 to 06h00. This regulation is also valid for the transport of “limited quantity” (LQ) ADR goods.

Vehicles transporting the following dangerous goods: ADR “Class 2 Gases” have to use ferries.

Only cars and vans are allowed to cross the Bosphorus Bridge. Heavy goods vehicles are forbidden and have to use the Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridge.

Source: UND, January 2016