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**
- 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.
London Councils
59 ½ Southwark Street
LONDON SE1 0AL
Tel: (+44 20) 7934 9915
Fax: (+44 20) 7934 9591
URL: www.londonlorrycontrol.com
e-mail: lorry.control@londoncouncils.gov.uk

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
and www.urbanaccessregulations.eu
### Public holidays 2018

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**Source:** RHA, November 2017
Driving restrictions, goods transport
Netherlands

There are no driving restrictions on goods vehicles at weekends or on public holidays. However, in bad weather the transport of dangerous goods is restricted. When visibility is less than 200m, it is forbidden to transport:

- dangerous goods in tanks with a capacity of over 3000 litres;
- fireworks in quantities larger than those mentioned in subsection 1.1.3.6 of the ADR and fireworks with UN numbers 0336 and 0337 with a net explosive mass of more than 20kg.

When visibility falls below 50m or in icy conditions, in addition to the restrictions indicated above, the transport of dangerous goods in quantities larger than those mentioned in subsection 1.1.3.6 of the ADR is also prohibited.

Vehicles transporting exceptional loads are also subject to driving restrictions on national and local roads as follows:

- between 06h00 and 10h00 (morning rush hour);
- between 15h00 and 20h00 (evening rush hour);
- depending on the categories of road to be used for the transport operation and on the weights and dimensions of the transport operation, more specific restrictions will be indicated in the transport authorisation.

Source: TLN, November 2017
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)

Prohibition: throughout the year (no derogation will be granted)

Road concerned: tunnels on the A23 motorway:
- Gardunha Tunnels, southbound, exit Fundão Sul (km 158.1)
- Gardunha Tunnels, northbound, exit Castelo Novo (km 148.8)

NB: compulsory exit is signposted 1500m before the slip road

Prohibition: Fridays, Sundays, public holidays and the eve of public holidays from 18h00 to 21h00

Roads concerned: EN6 Lisbon - Cascais
EN10 Infantado - Vila Franca de Xira
EN14 Maia - Braga
EN15 Porto - Campo (A4)
EN105 Porto - Alfena (junction with the IC24)
IC1 Coimbrões - Miramar
EN209 Porto - Gondomar
EN209 (ER) Gondomar - Valongo
IC2 (EN1) Alenquer - Carvalhosa
EN13 Porto - Viana do Castelo
EN1 Carvalhos - Vila Nova de Gaia (Santo Ovidio)
EN101 Braga - Vila Verde
EN125 (ER) Lagos - São João da Venda
IC4 (EN125) São João da Venda - Faro
EN125 Faro - Olhão
EN125 (ER) Olhão - Pinheira junction
EN222 Porto - Crestuma/Lever toll barrier

Prohibition: Mondays from 07h00 to 10h00, except during the months of July and August, on the access roads leading into Lisbon and Porto

Roads concerned: A1 Alverca - Lisbon
A2 Almada - Lisbon
A5 intersection with the CREL - Lisbon
A8 Loures - Lisbon
IC19 intersection with the CREL - Lisbon (Damaia)
EN6 Cascais - Lisbon
EN10 Vila Franca de Xira - Alverca
A3 intersection with the IC24 - Porto
A4 junction with the A3 - Porto
EN13 Moreira - Porto
EN105 Alfena (intersection with the IC24) - Porto
IC1 Miramar - Porto
EN209 Gondomar - Porto
EN222 (ER) Avintes – Porto
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 authorizations
The IMT (Mobility and Transport Institute) may issue special authorizations 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 authorizations should be addressed to the “IMT”, 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 Gols, Rua Joao Pedro Ribeiro, Praça Marques de Pombal, Rua Latino Coelho, Praça Rainha D. Amélia, Rua Nova de S. Crispi, Av. Fernão de Magalhães, 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 authorization.

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