

Driving restrictions, 2008 Slovakia

<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	Trucks and combination vehicles with a total authorised weight of more than 7.5t; trucks with a total authorised weight of more than 3.5t with trailer or semi-trailer
<i>Area</i>	On motorways, trunk roads and main roads (Class 1)
<i>Prohibitions</i>	on Sundays and public holidays from 00h00 to 22h00; on Saturdays between 1 July and 31 August from 07h00 to 20h00

<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	Special motor vehicles and carts with a width exceeding 0.60m
<i>Prohibition</i>	between 1 July and 31 August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · on the last working day before a Saturday or a public holiday and on the last day of a series of public holidays, from 15h00 to 21h00

Exceptions

- coaches, caravans;
- vehicles of the armed forces, police and the Slovak Security Service;
- vehicles used for indispensable seasonal agricultural work;
- vehicles transporting medical instruments, or biological or pharmaceutical products to hospitals or medical institutions, or to ensure the operation of medical equipment in hospitals or medical institutions;
- vehicles used in combined transport or for loading or unloading ships or trains on the territory of the Slovak Republic;
- vehicles used for cultural or sporting events, and in particular for the transport of boats, motorcycles, horses, birds etc.;
- aid vehicles required at scenes of accidents or natural disaster;
- vehicles used for the supply of petrol stations;
- vehicles transporting perishable goods or livestock.

If so requested by a police officer, during the period of the driving ban, a driver must be able to prove that his vehicle is being used for one of the above-mentioned purposes.

Derogations

In accordance with Act 315, §127 of the 1996 Digest of Law, authorisation to drive during the hours of the driving restriction may be obtained in extraordinary and inevitable cases, if to do so would not endanger public safety. If the authorisation is required for the territory of one region, the relevant Regional Traffic Inspectorate is competent to deal with the request for exemption. If the authorisation is required for an area covering more than one region, the request for exemption should be addressed to the Department of Traffic Police of the Presidency of the Police Corps, (Odbor dopravnej polície Prezídia policajného zboru), Vajnorská 25, 812 75 Bratislava. The issue of authorisations is subject to administrative fees. An authorisation is granted if the request is justified and on presentation of certified documents indicating the necessity of the transport operation. The authorisation remains valid for a period of 30 days.

Public holidays 2008

1 January	New Year's Day
6 January	Epiphany
21 March	Good Friday
23 March	Easter Sunday
24 March	Easter Monday
1 May	Labour Day
8 May	Armistice 1945
5 July	St Cyril and St Methodius
29 August	Anniversary of the Slovak national uprising
1 September	Constitution Day
15 September	Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows
1 November	All Saints' Day
17 November	Day of fight for freedom and democracy
24 December	Christmas Eve
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	St Stephen's Day

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