

Driving restrictions, 2006

Bulgaria

<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	all goods vehicles of over 10t total laden weight
<i>Prohibition</i>	permanent
<i>Road concerned</i>	<p>I-5, section Tchernootchene - Kardjali</p> <p>The vehicles concerned should use the following routes:</p> <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 III-58 - road I-5 - road III-505 - Manastir - road I-5 - 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 vehicles exceeding the maximum authorised weights and dimensions
<i>Prohibition</i>	<p>throughout the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· 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
<i>Temporary summer restrictions</i>	In temperatures of over 35EC, there is a prohibition on lorries and combined vehicles of over 20t total laden weight throughout the road and motorway network between 12h00 and 19h00. The exact dates of the beginning and end of the restrictions will be announced in the media at least two days in advance.
<i>Additional restrictions</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 'Trakia' motorway<ul style="list-style-type: none">- from km 79 to km 131; on some sections additional speed limits will be in force between March and October 20062. International road I-1<ul style="list-style-type: none">- additional speed limits will be in force on the section between Daskalovo and Dupnitsa;- the section between km 61 and km 103 will be closed until July 2006; traffic is diverted via roads II-11 and III-112 - Vidin - Archar - Brussartzi - Montana3. International road I-4<ul style="list-style-type: none">- additional speed limits will be in force on the section between Omurtag and Targovishte from April to October 20064. International road I-6 (Sliven - Burgas)

- additional speed limits will be in force on some sections
- 5. International road I-7
 - the section between km 176 and km 201 (Varbishki pass) will be closed for the winter period;
 - additional speed limits will be in force on the section between Elhovo and the border with Turkey.

Public holidays 2006

1 January	New Year's Day
2 January	New Year holiday
3 March	National Day
23 April	Easter Sunday (Orthodox)
24 April	Easter Monday (Orthodox)
1 May	Labour Day
6 May	Bulgarian Army Day
24 May	Day of Slavonic Alphabet
6 September	Day of Unification
22 September	Independence Day
1 November	Day of the Leaders of the National Revival (working day)
24 December	Christmas Eve
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	St Stephen's Day

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Driving restrictions, 2006 Croatia

Article I

Vehicles concerned

lorries and combined vehicles with a maximum permitted weight of over 7.5t; lorries and combined vehicles which exceed 14m in length; tractors; horse-drawn vehicles; working machines and all other vehicles which cannot exceed a speed of 40km/h on a straight road; vehicles being used for driving lessons

Area

on the following state roads (SR) and county roads (CR), with the exception of completed motorway sections :

- SR 1 : Karlovac (Brza cesta - Smiciklasova St intersection) - Slunj - Gracac - Knin - Brnadze - Krizice (near Dugopolje) as well as the Klis - Solin section of the new Solin bypass;
- SR 8 : junction with DC 40 (Bakar interchange) - Zadar - Split - Klek border crossing (BIH) and Zaton Doli border crossing (BIH) - Dubrovnik - Karasovici border crossing (Serbia and Montenegro), except for the sections from the intersection with SR 27 at the Sibenik bridge to the eastern entrance to Sibenik (turn-off for SR 58) and from the Bilice roundabout in Solen to the intersection for the trade-transport terminal in Stobrec;
- SR 9 : Metkovic - Opuzen - SR 8;
- SR 21 : Kastel border crossing (SLO) - Buje - Kanfanar interchange, except for the section of the SR 3 from the Kanfanar interchange to Pula (junction with SR 66);
- SR 23 : Zuta Lokva - Senj;
- SR 39 : Arzano border crossing (BIH) - intersection with SR 8 (Dupci);
- SR 45 : Veliki Zdenci (SR 5) - Garesnica - Kutina;
- SR 53 : intersection with CR 4207 - Slavonski Brod border crossing (BIH);
- SR 60 : Brnaze - Trilj - Cista Provo
- SR 66 : Pula - Rasa - Opatija - SR 8;
- SR 200 : Buje (SR 21) - Plovanija border crossing (SLO);
- SR 220 : Trilj (SR 60) - Kamensko border crossing (BIH);
- SR 300 : Buje (SR 21) - Umag;
- Z 5002 : Novigrad - Tar - Porec - Vrsar (junction with Z 5073);
- on the approach to and in the area of the state ferry port of Split;
- on the approach to and in the area of the state ferry port of Zadar

Article II

Periods

from 12 June to 19 September

- on Saturdays from 04h00 to 14h00;
- on Sundays from 12h00 to 23h00

On Good Friday and on the eve of a public or religious holiday

- from 15h00 to 23h00

If a public holiday, or the last day of a series of public holidays falls on a Friday or Saturday, the prohibition is effective on the Sunday from 12h00 to 23h00.

If a public holiday falls on a Sunday or Monday, the prohibition is effective on the preceding Friday from 15h00 to 23h00.

Note: during the driving ban, vehicles registered in Croatia which are affected by the restrictions are allowed to enter the country at all border crossings mentioned above and to wait in an appropriate parking area in the border crossing zone until the end of the restrictions or to drive to the nearest customs office or terminal provided parking space is available

Article III

Vehicles concerned	lorries and combined vehicles with a maximum permitted weight of over 7.5t
Area	on the SR 2 between Varazdin and Dubrava Krizovljanska
Period	on Sundays from 06h00 to 22h00

Note: the driving restrictions listed under Article III shall not apply to vehicles belonging to companies or individuals having their headquarters or official residence within the area served by the SR 2 between Varazdin and Dubrava Krizovljanska, nor to the vehicles referred to in Article IV, indents 7, 8 and 9 when they are supplying businesses along this road section.

Appropriate traffic signs will be installed and the public will be notified via the media of the driving restrictions specified in Articles I and III.

Article IV

Exceptions

The above-mentioned driving restrictions do not apply to

- vehicles with right of passage and vehicles under escort;
- vehicles of the Ministry of the Interior and of the armed forces;
- vehicles for maintenance of roads, electrical and similar installations, as well as vehicles for the distribution of mail and the press;
- vehicles belonging to radio or TV broadcasting companies;
- vehicles used for the transport of drinking water;
- vehicles transporting material or equipment for use in case of emergency;
- vehicles of over 14m in length and articulated vehicles transporting concrete, asphalt or fuel for motor vehicles, except on the SR 2 between Varazdin and Dubrava Krizovljanska where they must comply with the traffic restrictions imposed under Article III of this order;
- vehicles of over 14m in length and articulated vehicles transporting perishables such as fresh meat and fresh meat products, fresh milk and dairy products, fresh fish and fish products, perishable fruit and vegetables, except on the SR 2 between Varazdin and Dubrava Krizovljanska where they must comply with the traffic restrictions imposed under Article III of this order;
- vehicles of over 14m in length and articulated vehicles transporting livestock or poultry, except on the SR 2 between Varazdin and Dubrava Krizovljanska where they must comply with the traffic restrictions imposed under Article III of this order;
- vehicles with an authorisation.

Article V

The authorisation referred to above is issued, in the case of domestic road traffic, by the police administration responsible for the area in which the departure point is situated or, in the case of international road traffic, at the place of entry into Croatia on condition that, in terms of timing and circumstances, such transport is urgently needed for safety reasons or if its delay is likely to cause major material damage.

Article VI

In case of non-compliance with the present order, a fine of HRK 5000 will be imposed on companies plus a fine of HRK 1000 on the person responsible within the company for allowing the vehicle to be driven in contravention of the ban; a fine of HRK 5000 will be imposed on independent businessmen. A person giving driving lessons, as well as the person driving the vehicle in contravention of the ban will be fined HRK 500 each.

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Vehicles concerned Domestic and foreign motor vehicles transporting hazardous substances of classes 1, 2, 3, 6.1, 7 or 8 from Slovenia or Hungary, in transit through Croatia, to Bosnia and Herzegovina or Serbia and Montenegro and vice versa, as well as those importing into or exporting from Croatia from/to neighbouring states or from/to third countries.

Area Driving restrictions on the above-mentioned vehicles apply to certain routes only.

Authorised routes

1. *For the transport of dangerous goods of Classes 1, 2, 3, 6.1, 7 and 8 only the following routes may be used :*
 - 1.1 Bregana border crossing (D4) - Zagreb ringroad - Stara Gradiska border crossing or Zupanja border crossing - Bajakovo border crossing;
 - 1.2 Macelj border crossing (D1) - Zagreb ringroad - D1 (D3) - Karlovac;
 - 1.3 Gorican border crossing (D3) - Cakovec - Zagreb ringroad;
 - 1.4 Donji Miholjac border crossing (D53) - Nasice;
 - 1.5 Rupa border crossing - D8 - Rijeka (for dangerous goods included in a special list, with the exception of oil and petrol);
 - 1.6 as an exceptional measure, the following route may be used for the transport of dangerous goods included in Class 3 (petroleum and petroleum derivatives): Dubrava Krizovljanska border crossing (D2) - Varazdin (D3) - Zagreb ringroad
2. *Transport operations to and from ports, oil refineries and free zones are possible provided the following special instructions are respected*
 - 2.1 roads from the port of Ploce (D513) to the Mali Prolog border crossing may be used for the transit of dangerous goods of Classes 1, 2, 3 and 8;
 - 2.2 the route Split - Klis - D1 - Brnaze - D60 - Trilj - D220 - Kamensko border crossing may be used for the transit of dangerous goods of Classes 1, 2, 3, 6.1, 7 and 8 from the ports of Split and Solin;
 - 2.3 the route D3 - Karlovac - D1 (D3) Zagreb ringroad may be used for the transit of dangerous goods from the port of Rijeka and the Rijeka refinery;
 - 2.4 the route D36 - Popovaca may be used for the transit of dangerous goods from the port of Sisak and the Sisak refinery;
 - 2.5 the transit of dangerous goods from the port of Zadar should go via the crossing with the D8 state highway - D502 Smilcic - Benkovac - D56 - Bribir - D509 - Knin - Sinj (D1) - Trilj (D60) - D220 Kamensko border crossing

Public holidays 2006

1 January	New Year's Day
6 January	Epiphany
17 April	Easter Monday
1 May	Labour Day
15 June	Corpus Christi
22 June	Day of anti-fascist fight

25 June	Croatian Statehood Day
5 August	Thanksgiving Day
15 August	Assumption
8 October	Independence Day
1 November	All Saints' Day
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	St Stephen's Day

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Source: Transportkomerc, January 2006

Driving restrictions, 2006 Czech Republic

Permanent restrictions

Vehicles concerned trucks and combination vehicles with a MPW of over 7.5t
Area On motorways, trunk roads and 1st class roads
Prohibition between 1 January and 30 June 2006, on Sundays and public holidays from 00h00 to 22h00

Vehicles concerned trucks and combination vehicles with a MPW of over 7.5t
Area On motorways, trunk roads and 1st class roads
Prohibition from 1 July 2006, on Sundays and public holidays from 13h00 to 22h00

Temporary (summer) restrictions

Vehicles concerned trucks and combination vehicles with a MPW of over 7.5t
Area On motorways, trunk roads and 1st class roads
Prohibition from 1 July to 31 August
 · on Fridays from 17h00 to 21h00;
 · on Saturdays from 07h00 to 13h00;
 · on Sundays and public holidays from 13h00 to 22h00

Special prohibition

Vehicles concerned special motor vehicles and carts whose overall width exceeds 0.60m
Area On 1st class roads outside built-up areas
Prohibition from 15 April to 30 September
 · on Fridays and the eve of a public holiday from 15h00 to 21h00;
 · on Saturdays and the first day of a series of public holidays from 07h00 to 11h00;
 · on Sundays and the last day of a series of public holidays from 15h00 to 21h00

Exceptions

- vehicles engaged in combined transport operations, from the shipper to the nearest loading point or from the nearest unloading point to the consignee;
- vehicles used for essential seasonal agricultural transport;
- vehicles used in the construction, maintenance or repair of roads;
- vehicles transporting perishable goods according to ATP regulations, provided the goods take up more than half of the loading capacity of the vehicle;
- vehicles transporting livestock;
- vehicles transporting fuel for the continuous operation of service

- stations;
- vehicles used for the loading or unloading of aircraft, ships or trains up to a distance of 100km;
- vehicles carrying postal cargo;
- empty vehicles travelling in connection with any of the transport operations mentioned in the preceding points;
- vehicles needed in cases of natural disaster;
- vehicles belonging to the armed forces, police and fire brigade;
- vehicles carrying chemical substances susceptible to temperature change or crystallisation;
- vehicles used for driver training.

Public holidays 2006

1 January	New Year's Day
17 April	Easter Monday
1 May	Labour Day
8 May	Liberation Day
5 July	Prophets Cyril and Method
6 July	Anniversary of the death of Jan Hus (1415)
28 September	Statehood Day
28 October	National Day
17 November	Freedom and democracy day
24 December	Christmas Eve
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	St Stephen's Day

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Source: CESMAD Bohemia, December 2005

Driving restrictions, 2006 Germany

Vehicles concerned	trucks with a total permissible weight of over 7.5t, as well as trucks with trailers.
Area	throughout the road and motorway network
Prohibition	Sundays and public holidays from 00h00 to 22h00

Additional restrictions (summer)

Area	certain stretches of motorway and trunk roads
Prohibition	Saturdays between 1 July and 31 August from 07h00 to 20h00

Exceptions (apply to both of the above prohibitions)

- Combined rail/road goods transport from the shipper to the nearest loading railway station or from the nearest designated unloading railway station to the consignee up to a distance of 200km (no limitation on distance during the additional summer restrictions); also combined sea/road goods transport between the place of loading or unloading and a port situated within a radius of 150km maximum (delivery or loading).
- Deliveries of fresh milk and other dairy produce, fresh meat and its fresh derivatives, fresh fish, live fish and their fresh derivatives, perishable foodstuffs (fruit and vegetables).
- Empty vehicles, in connection with the transport operations mentioned under the preceding item.
- Transport operations using vehicles subject to the Federal Law on the obligations of service; the relevant authorisation must be carried on board and produced for inspection on request.

Also exempted from the prohibition are vehicles belonging to the police and federal border guard, fire brigades and emergency services, the federal armed services and allied troops.

For operations which are not covered by the above-mentioned exceptions, authorisations must be obtained. These, however, will be issued only in the event of an emergency, when delivery by other means of transport is not possible.

Night driving restrictions

There exists a certain number of night driving restrictions on specific routes. These are indicated by road signs.

Public holidays 2006	1 January	New Year's Day
	14 April	Good Friday
	17 April	Easter Monday
	1 May	Labour Day
	25 May	Ascension
	5 June	Whit Monday
	15 June	Corpus Christi (only in Baden-Wurtemberg, Bavaria, Hesse, North-Rhine Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saar)
	3 October	German Unification Day

31 October	Reformation Day (only in Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Saxony, Sachsen-Anhalt and Thuringia)
1 November	All Saints' Day (only in Baden-Wurtemberg, Bavaria, North-Rhine Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saar)
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	St Stephen's Day

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Source: BGL, December 2005

Driving restrictions, 2006 Greece

<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	goods vehicles with a payload of over 1.5t
<i>Prohibition</i>	on 5 January, 6 January, 3 March, 20 April, 21 April, 9 June, 11 August and every Friday throughout the year, from 15h00 to 21h00
<i>Area</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Athens - Corinth - Patra motorway, in the direction of Patra, between Elefsina toll and Rio; · Athens - Lamia - Thessaloniki motorway, in the direction of Thessaloniki, between junctions Agios Stefanos (Kryoneri) and Bralos, between junctions Lamia and Raches Fthiotidos and from Larissa (km 371+400) to the region of Skotina (km 410); · Thessaloniki - Kavala motorway, in the direction of Kavala, between km 11 and the bridge over the River Strimonas; · Thessaloniki - N.Moudania motorway, in the direction of N.Moudania, between the bridge at Ryssio and km 34; · Schimatari - Chalkida motorway, in the direction of Chalkida, from the intersection with the Athens-Lamia motorway to the Chalkida bridge; · Lagada - Redina road from Nymphopetra village to the Redina junction.
<i>Exceptions</i>	vehicles transporting fresh milk, fresh fish, fresh meat or livestock as well as vehicles carrying fresh fruit and vegetables from Corinth to Rio
<i>Prohibition</i>	on 1 January, 8 January, 6 March, 24 April, 1 May, 12 June, 15 August and every Sunday throughout the year, from 15h00 to 23h00, with the exception of Sundays 5 March, 23 April, 30 April and 11 June
<i>Area</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Patras - Corinth - Athens motorway, in the direction of Athens, between Rio and Elefsina toll; · Thessaloniki - Athens motorway, in the direction of Athens, between the Skotina region (km 410) and Larissa (km 371+400) between junctions Raches Fthiotidos and Lamia and between junctions Bralos and Agios Stefanos (Kryoneri); · Thessaloniki - Kavala motorway, in the direction of Thessaloniki, between km 11 and the bridge over the River Strimonas; · Thessaloniki - N.Moudania motorway, in the direction of Thessaloniki, between the bridge at Ryssio and km 34; · Schimatari - Chalkida motorway, in the direction of Athens, from the Chalkida bridge to the intersection with the Athens-Lamia motorway; · Lagada - Redina road, from the Redina junction to Nymphopetra village
<i>Exceptions</i>	vehicles transporting fresh milk, fresh fish, fresh meat or livestock

Public holidays 2006

1 January	New Year's Day
6 January	Epiphany
6 March	Ash Monday
25 March	National holiday
21 April	Good Friday
23 April	Easter Day
24 April	Easter Monday
1 May	Labour Day
12 June	Whit Monday
15 August	Assumption
28 October	National holiday
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	St Stephen's Day

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Driving restrictions, 2006 Hungary

Vehicles concerned	goods vehicles, agricultural tractors and their trailers of over 7.5t MPW
Region	throughout the road and motorway network
Restriction	<p>from 15 June to 31 August :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · from Saturday 08h00 to Sunday 22h00; · from 22h00 on the eve of a public holiday to 22h00 on the day of the holiday <p>from 1 September to 14 June :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · from 22h00 on the eve of Sundays and public holidays to 22h00 on Sundays and public holidays (NB: there are no driving restrictions on international traffic from 4 November to 1 March) <p>NB: when a public holiday precedes or follows a Saturday or Sunday within the periods specified above, the driving restrictions apply nonstop from 08h00 on the first day to 22h00 on the last day.</p>
Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · vehicles operated by the armed forces, police, national security services, prison authorities, fire brigade, civil defence, customs authorities, emergency vehicles; · in the case of combined transport if the road transport leg is less than 70km, vehicles travelling between the combined transport terminal and the place of loading or unloading, or between the combined transport terminal nearest to the border crossing point and the border crossing point; · vehicles used for prevention or assistance in cases of disaster; · vehicles used in cases of accident or breakdown; · vehicles involved in community work (including town/village cleaning services, waste removal, public utilities repair services); · vehicles used in the construction, maintenance, repair or cleaning of roads, railways and public utilities; · vehicles used for the transport of harvested crops or fodder or for the relocation of agricultural machines or slow vehicles; · vehicles transporting livestock, fresh milk, fresh dairy produce, fresh and deep-frozen meat and meat products, fresh bakery products or other perishable foodstuffs; · vehicles travelling from the Hungarian border to the nearest parking area designated by the authorities for this purpose; · empty vehicles travelling from the border to their premises in Hungary; · vehicles used for the transport of equipment or animals necessary for cultural, business or sports events (including transport in connection with radio, television or cinema recordings); · humanitarian consignments; · passenger transport vehicles; · vehicles involved in the transport to and from railway stations, river ports or airports (between the premises of the consignor/consignee and the nearest such station, port or airport) of goods arriving or forwarded during the period affected by the prohibition;

- vehicles delivering mixed concrete;
- postal services.

Furthermore, between 15 June and 31 August, a loaded vehicle entering Hungary prior to the start of the weekend prohibition may drive to its Hungarian premises stipulated in its registration certificate or its first place of unloading by the shortest possible route irrespective of the prohibition stipulated above. However, the following routes may not be used:

- main road No.2 between Vác and Parassapuszta;
- the following sections of main road No.7:
 - between Velence and Dinnyés;
 - between its junctions with the M7 motorway and main road No.64;
 - between its junctions with the M7 motorway and main road No.76;
- main road No.10 between Dorog and Budapest;
- main road No.11 between Esztergom and Budapest;
- main road No.12;
- road No.1201;
- main road No.71;
- the following sections of main road No.76:
 - between its junctions with main road No.71 and main road No.7;
 - between Zalaapáti and main road No.71;
- main road No.55 between Alsónyék and Baja;
- main road No.82 between main road No.8 and Veszprémmvarsány;
- main road No.84 between Sümeg and main road No.71;
- main road No.33 between Dormánd and Debrecen.

Public holidays 2006

1 January	New Year's Day
15 March	Revolution Day
16 April	Easter Sunday
17 April	Easter Monday
1 May	Labour Day
4 June	Whitsun
5 June	Whit Monday
20 August	National holiday
23 October	Republic Day
1 November	All Saints' Day
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	St Stephen's Day

NB: As an exceptional measure, the Minister of Economy and Transport may grant exemptions to the above restrictions for a period not exceeding one calendar year. Requests for exemption must be submitted by 1 December of the year preceding the year in question. Drivers must be in possession of the documents proving their exemption, and should present them on request to the relevant authorities.

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Driving restrictions, 2006 Luxembourg

Vehicles concerned all goods vehicles arriving from Belgium or Germany and heading for France, and whose MPW, with or without trailer, exceeds 7.5t

Prohibition from 21h30 on Saturdays and the eve of public holidays until 21h45 on Sundays and public holidays

Vehicles concerned all goods vehicles arriving from Belgium or France and heading for Germany, and whose MPW, with or without trailer, exceeds 7.5t

Prohibition from 23h30 on Saturdays and the eve of public holidays until 21h45 on Sundays and public holidays

Area throughout the road and motorway network

Exceptions

- vehicles transporting livestock, animal-based perishable goods irrespective of their state (fresh, frozen, deep-frozen or salted, smoked, dried or sterilised), fresh or untreated vegetable-based perishable goods (fruit and vegetables), cut flowers or potted plants and flowers;
- empty vehicles making a trip in relation with the transport operations referred to above, on condition that the vehicles are heading for Germany;
- vehicles which, during the harvest period, are engaged in the collection and transport of agricultural produce from its place of harvest to its place of storage, packing, processing or transformation;
- vehicles carrying loads which are indispensable for the installation of duly authorised economic, sports, cultural, educational or political events;
- vehicles carrying only newspapers;
- vehicles carrying out office or factory removals;
- vehicles belonging to tradesmen and which are used for the sale of their products at fairs or markets;
- vehicles involved in a combined rail-road transport operation between the place of loading and the station of transfer, or between the station of transfer and the destination of the goods, on condition that the distance covered does not exceed 200km and that the transport takes place in the direction of Germany;
- vehicles for emergency use by the police, army, customs, civil defence and fire brigade as well as those used to transport vehicles which have broken down or been involved in an accident;
- vehicles being driven under cover of an exceptional authorisation from the Minister of Transport and which exceed the maximum statutory weight as specified above, in particular for transport operations intended to allow the non-stop operation of factories, to prevent any breakdown in supplies or to contribute to the execution of public services in response to immediate local needs; the Ministerial authorisation must be shown on demand to officers responsible for controlling road traffic.

Public holidays 2006	1 January	New Year's Day
	17 April	Easter Monday
	1 May	Labour Day
	25 May	Ascension
	5 June	Whit Monday
	23 June	National Day
	15 August	Assumption
	1 November	All Saints' Day
	25 December	Christmas Day

Notes:

- in addition to Luxembourg's official public holidays, the above restrictions will be in force on 8 May, 14 July and 11 November for transport operations to France and on 14 April, 15 June, 3 October and 26 December for transport operations to Germany;
- vehicles concerned by the above-mentioned driving restrictions shall not be permitted to stop or to park on public roads; during the period of these restrictions, this measure shall also apply to vehicles whose MPW, with or without trailer, exceeds 7.5t and which are registered or undergo a break of load in Luxembourg and which intend to transport goods to France or Germany;
- police officers are entitled to order drivers of vehicles found in breach of the above-mentioned driving restrictions and parking bans to return respectively to their country of origin, or their business premises or place of loading/unloading in Luxembourg;
- infringement of these rules shall be punished in compliance with the provisions of the amended Art.7 of the law of 14 February 1955 relating to traffic regulations on all public roads.

Vehicles concerned	goods vehicles whose MPW exceeds 3.5t, with the exception of vehicles belonging to residents and delivery vehicles
Prohibition	permanent
Area	<p>access to the following road sections is forbidden in both directions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · the CR150, between its intersection with the CR152 at Burmerange and its intersection with the CR152 at Remerschen; · the CR152, between its intersection with the CR150 at Burmerange and its intersection with the CR152B at Schengen; · the N16, between its intersection with the N16A at Mondorf-les-Bains and the Mondor interchange linking the A13 motorway with the N16. <p>access to the following road sections is forbidden in the direction indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · the Schengen interchange of the A13, slip-road in direction of the Croix de Bettembourg, between the N10 and the A13; · the CR151, from the intersection with the N16 at the "Kapebësch" locality to the intersection with the CR152 at Bech-Kleinmacher; · the CR162, from the intersection with the CR150A at Elvange to the intersection with the CR152 at Wintrange. <p><i>NB:</i> this prohibition is signposted</p>

Vehicles concerned	goods vehicles in transit whose MPW, with or without trailer, exceeds 3.5t, with the exception of those which enter Luxembourg by a route situated to the north of the Steinfort-Rosenberg border crossing on the N6 and the Echternach-Echternacherbrück border crossing on the N11. The regulation applies, however, to vehicles in transit heading for France which enter Luxembourg by the N5, vehicles arriving from Germany, France or Belgium and which are heading for the European development pole, and vehicles crossing Luxembourg from Rheinland-Palatinate in the direction of Saarland and vice-versa.
Prohibition	permanent
Area	transit traffic is forbidden on part of the public road network; compulsory routes are indicated by signposts bearing the figure 3.5t on the silhouette of the vehicle, as well as the indication of direction

“Transit Belgium”, “Transit France”, “Transit Germany” or “Transit Germany/France”.

Infringement of these rules shall be punished in compliance with the provisions of the amended Art.7 of the law of 14 February 1955 relating to traffic regulations on all public roads.

Further information may be obtained from

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Source : CLC, December 2005

Driving restrictions, 2006 Poland

<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	goods vehicles with an MPW of over 12t
<i>Area</i>	nationwide
<i>Prohibition</i>	from 18h00 to 22h00 on the eve of those public holidays listed below as points b to j from 07h00 to 22h00 on all public holidays listed below

Additional restrictions

<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	goods vehicles with an MPW of over 12t
<i>Area</i>	Nationwide
<i>Prohibition</i>	from the first Friday after the end of the school year (from 30 June to 31 August 2006, except on 15 August) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · on Fridays from 18h00 to 22h00 · on Saturdays from 07h00 to 14h00 · on Sundays from 07h00 to 22h00

Temporary prohibition

<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	goods vehicles with an MPW of over 12t
<i>Prohibition</i>	from 11h00 to 22h00
<i>Remarks</i>	during periods of high temperature which may cause damage to the road surface, these temporary restrictions may be introduced nationwide or locally. The exact dates of the beginning and end of the restrictions will be announced in the media by the General Director of National Roads and Motorways.

Exceptions

- vehicles belonging to the armed forces, police, fire brigade, emergency services, border guard authorities and other authorities specialised in chemical, radiological and contamination protection;
- vehicles used in the construction or maintenance of roads and bridges;
- technical service vehicles used in case of emergency;
- vehicles used in rescue operations;
- emergency vehicles used in cases of natural disaster;
- vehicles carrying perishable goods or foodstuffs *;
- vehicles carrying livestock;
- vehicles used for the collection of fresh milk, corn or livestock;
- vehicles transporting liquid fuel, oil products, lubricants, spare parts or fresh water for ships;
- slow-moving agricultural vehicles and tractors;
- transport of transmission equipment for radio or TV stations;
- transport of equipment intended for mass events;
- vehicles transporting newspapers and magazines;
- empty vehicles following the unloading of perishable foodstuffs and vehicles intended for loading perishable foodstuffs;
- transport of medicines and medical products;
- vehicles carrying postal cargo;
- vehicles engaged in the production cycle up to a distance of 50km from their home base;
- vehicles transporting dangerous goods, as covered by separate regulations, in quantities for which

- the orange plate is required;
 - vehicles used for humanitarian aid;
 - transport of concrete;
 - vehicles used for transporting municipal waste;
 - transport of goods after unloading at a railway station, within a radius of 50km from the railway station;
 - vehicles entering Poland before the date or time of the prohibition may travel up to 25km from the border crossing, and vehicles in the border zone waiting to exit Poland;
 - vehicles engaged in combined transport operations between the point where the goods are loaded and the nearest rail loading station for the initial leg, and between the nearest rail unloading station and the point where the goods are unloaded for the final leg, or within a radius of 150km in the case of a maritime terminal;
 - vehicles returning from abroad on condition that the 6-month or annual road use charge has been paid and the relevant document is on board the vehicle (does not apply in the case of temporary restrictions or to vehicles in transit through Poland).
- * *List of perishable foodstuffs:* meat and edible offal; fish, shellfish, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates; dairy products, in particular yoghurts, kefir, sour cream, milk, cheese, butter and ice-cream; birds' eggs and egg pastes; cut flowers and house-plants; fresh and frozen vegetables, fruit and mushrooms; cereals and agricultural produce for the production of food, feedstuff and vegetable fats; ground cereals, in particular flour, oats, semolina and corn granules; fat and oil of animal or vegetable origin; food preserves, in particular of meat, poultry, fish, vegetables and fruit; sweets and confectionery; preserves of cereals, flour, starch, milk powder and bakery products; soft drinks; remains and waste from the food industry, ready-made animal feedstuff; sugar beet; potatoes; fresh yeast; cultivation medium for mushrooms.

Public holidays 2006

a. 1 January	New Year's Day
b. 16 April	Easter Sunday
c. 17 April	Easter Monday
d. 1 May	Labour Day
e. 3 May	Constitution Day
f. 4 June	Whit Sunday
g. 15 June	Corpus Christi
h. 15 August	Assumption
i. 1 November	All Saints' Day
j. 11 November	Independence Day
k. 25 December	Christmas Day
l. 26 December	St Stephen's Day

Further information may be obtained from

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Source: ZMPD, December 2005

Driving restrictions, 2006 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)
Prohibition	throughout the year (<i>no derogation will be granted</i>)
Road concerned	<p>tunnels on the A23 motorway :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Barracão Tunnel, southbound, exit Guarda Sul (km 210.8) · Barracão Tunnel, northbound, exit Benespera (km 201.2) · Ramela Tunnel, southbound, exit Guarda Sul (km 210.8) · Ramela Tunnel, northbound, exit Benespera (km 201.2) · Gardunha Tunnels, southbound, exit Fundão Sul (km 158.1) · Gardunha Tunnels, northbound, exit Castelo Novo (km 148.8) <p><i>NB: compulsory exit is signposted 1500m before the slip road</i></p>
Prohibition	Fridays, Sundays, public holidays and the eve of public holidays from 18h00 to 21h00
Roads concerned	<p>Lisbon region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · EN6 Lisbon - Cascais · EN10 Infantado - Vila Franca de Xira <p>Porto region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · EN12 ring-road · EN14 Porto - Braga · EN15 Porto - Campo (A4) · EN105 Porto - Alfena (junction with the IC24) · EN109 Coimbra - Miramar · EN208 Alto da Maia - Valongo · EN209 Porto - Gondomar - Valongo <p>Other roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · EN1 Vila Franca de Xira - Vila Nova de Gaia (St Ovidio) · EN4 Pegões - Montemor-Novu · EN13 Porto - Viana do Castelo · EN101 Braga - Vila Verde · EN247 Cascais - Carvoeira · EN109 Miramar - Leiria · EN125 Lagos - Vila Real St Antonio · EN222 Porto - Crestuma/Lever toll barrier · EN366 Aveiras de Cima junction - Alcoentre · alternative to the EN366 between Alcoentre and Quebradas (intersection with the IC2) · IP1 Alcácer do Sal - intersection with the EN125

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

Access to Lisbon

- A1 Alverca - Lisbon
- A2 Almada - Lisbon
- A5 intersection with the CREL - Lisbon
- A8 Loures - Lisbon
- A12 Montijo junction - Lisbon
- IC19 CREL junction - Lisbon
- EN6 Lisbon - Cascais
- EN10 Vila Franca de Xira - Lisbon

Access to Porto

- A1 Carvalhos - Porto
- A3 intersection with the IC24 - Porto
- A4 junction with A3 - Porto
- EN13 Moreira - Porto
- EN14 Maia - Porto
- EN15 Valongo - Porto
- EN105 Alfena - Porto
- EN108 Gondomar - Porto
- EN109 Miramar - Porto
- EN209 Gondomar - Porto
- EN222 Avintes - Porto

Exceptions: (apply to all the routes indicated above, with the exception of the tunnels and the 25 April Bridge)

- international transport;
- dangerous goods destined for hospitals;
- 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 and sea ports.

Special authorisations

The Direcção Geral de Viação (General Directorate of Traffic) 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 Direcção Geral de Viação, tel: (+351 21) 791 3000. 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.

Public holidays 2006

1 January	New Year's Day
14 April	Good Friday
16 April	Easter Sunday
25 April	Liberation Day
1 May	Labour Day
10 June	National Day
15 June	Corpus Christi
15 August	Assumption
5 October	Republic Day
1 November	All Saints' Day
1 December	Restoration of Independence
8 December	Immaculate Conception
25 December	Christmas Day

Further information may be obtained from

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Source: ANTRAM, December 2005

Driving restrictions, 2006 Romania

<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	those which exceed the authorised weights and dimensions (qv)
<i>Area</i>	throughout the national road network
<i>Period</i>	Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays from 00h00 to 24h00
<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	vehicles transporting dangerous goods
<i>Area</i>	throughout the national road network
<i>Period</i>	every night between 22h00 and 05h00; on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays from 00h00 to 24h00
<i>Exceptions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · goods which have the following UN numbers : 1202, 1203, 1223 or 1965; · the transport operator has obtained an authorisation from the Romanian Road Authority, the Romanian National Company of Motorways and National Roads (CNADNR) and the General Inspectorate of Police. Foreign-registered vehicles may obtain the authorisation from CNADNR agencies situated at border crossings. Border police will endorse the authorisation after verifying the conformity of the transport operation with the provisions of the ADR agreement and with national legislation. The CNADNR agency will fix the route and will endorse the authorisation. The authorisation is in triplicate: one copy for the driver, one for the border police and one for the CNADNR agency. The Romanian Road Authority and the road police are responsible for checks on the transport of dangerous goods by road. <p>NB: for vehicles travelling under authorisation the transport operator must supply an escort vehicle equipped with yellow warning lights which must be switched on during the whole transport operation. Infringements will be sanctioned by a fine of between RON 2000 and RON 8000.</p>
<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	goods vehicles of over 3.5t MPW
<i>Area</i>	DN1 (E60) between Bucharest (junction DN1, km 7+418, Ion Ionescu de la Brad Str - Aerogarii Bvd) and Barcanesti (junction DN1, km 53+650 - DN1A, km 70+550)
<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	goods vehicles of over 7.5t MPW
<i>Area</i>	DN1 between Ploiesti (junction DN1, km 67+248 - DN1B) and Brasov (DN1, km 159+600)
<i>Period</i>	from Monday to Friday, between 15 October 2005 and 31 December 2006
<i>Exceptions</i>	<p>vehicles travelling under special authorisation issued by the CNADNR, 38 Dinicu Golescu Bvd, 1-Bucharest</p> <p>NB: documents required when requesting authorisation include a written statement attesting the necessity to travel on this route indicating the number of vehicles, registration numbers and period for which the authorisation is required; copy of the registration certificate; proof of</p>

payment of the ro-vignette; special authorisation for vehicles exceeding the maximum authorised weights and dimensions etc.

Authorisations are issued not more than 10 days prior to the first day of validity and remain valid for a maximum of 3 months. The original authorisation must be kept on board the vehicle and presented to the authorities on request. Authorisations are non-transferable and will not be replaced if lost, stolen or deteriorated. In such cases, a new authorisation must be requested.

Vehicles concerned

goods vehicles of over 7.5t MPW

Area

on the sections of national (E) roads indicated below

Period

unless otherwise indicated below,

- on all public holidays throughout the year from 06h00 to 22h00;
- on Saturdays and Sundays on the dates and at the times mentioned.

DN1 (E60) ¹	Bucharest - Otopeni - Ploiesti ringroad (entry)	1 Jan - 31 Dec	00h00 - 24h00
DN1 (E60)	Ploiesti (exit) - Brasov (entry)	1 Jan - 31 Dec	00h00 - 24h00
DN1 (E60)	Cluj Napoca (exit) - Oradea (entry)	15 Jun - 15 Sep	06h00 - 22h00
DN13 (E60)	Brasov (exit) - Sighisoara - Tg. Mures (entry)	15 Jun - 15 Sep	06h00 - 22h00
DN15 (E60)	Turda (exit) - Tg. Mures (entry)	15 Jun - 15 Sep	06h00 - 22h00
DN2 (E85)	Sabaoani (junction with DN28) - Suceava - Siret (entry)	15 Jun - 15 Sep	06h00 - 22h00
DN2A (E60)	Urziceni (exit) - Slobozia (entry)	15 Jun - 15 Sep	06h00 - 22h00
DN2A (E60)	Slobozia (exit) - Harsova - Ovidiu (junction with DN22)	15 Jun - 15 Sep	06h00 - 22h00
DN39 (E87)	Agigea (junction with DN38) - Mangalia (entry)	15 Jun - 15 Sep	06h00 - 22h00
DN7 (E81)	Pitesti (exit) - Rm. Valcea - Vestem (junction with DN1)	15 Jun - 15 Sep	06h00 - 22h00
DN7 (E68)	Ilia (junction with DN68A) - Arad (entry)	15 Jun - 15 Sep	06h00 - 22h00

¹ applies every day throughout the year to all vehicles of over 3.5t MPW

Exceptions

vehicles of the civil protection service, funeral transport, first-aid and humanitarian transport, mail transport, fuel distribution, breakdown vehicles, vehicles belonging to sanitation services, transport of livestock, transport of perishable goods (including fresh bread) and goods under controlled temperature provided the goods take up at least half of the loading capacity of the vehicle

Alternative routes

During the periods of restriction, all other roads may be used on condition that the maximum authorised axle load and total weight are respected for the category of road concerned.

Sanctions

- fine of between RON 2000 and RON 4000 if the driving restriction is

not observed;

- fine of between RON 600 and RON 2000 if the goods do not take up at least half of the loading capacity of the vehicle.

Public holidays 2006

1 January	New Year's Day
2 January	New Year holiday
23 April	Easter Sunday (Orthodox)
24 April	Easter Monday (Orthodox)
1 May	Labour Day
1 December	National Day
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	St Stephen's Day

LOCAL RESTRICTIONS, BUCHAREST

Vehicles concerned goods vehicles of over 5t MPW

Area zone "A" of Bucharest, delimited by the following roads :

Dacia Bvd - Traian St - Nerva Traian St - Octavian Goga Bvd - Marasesti Corridor - Marasesti Bvd - Mitropolit Nifon St - Lebertatii Bvd - Calea 13 Septembrie - Pandurilor St - Grozavesti St - Orhideelor St - Dinicu Golescu Bvd - Gara de Nord Square - Calea Grivitei - Nicolae Titulescu St - Banu Manta Bvd - Ion Mihalache Bvd - Maresal Averescu Bvd - Constantin Prezan Bvd - Aviatorilor Bvd - Mircea Eliade Bvd - P.I. Ceaukovski Bvd - Barbu Vacarescu St - Tunari St - Dacia Bvd

Vehicles concerned goods vehicles of over 7.5t MPW

Area zone "B" of Bucharest, delimited by the following roads:

Aerogarii Bvd - Cpt Alex Serbanescu St - Barbu Vacarescu St - Fabrica de Glucoza St - Petricani main road - Doamna Ghica St - Colentina main road - Fundeni main road - Morarilor St - Basarabia Bvd - 1 Decembrie 1918 Bvd - Th. Palady Bvd - Camil Ressu Bvd - Fizicienilor St - Energeticienilor Bvd - Calea Vitin - Vitin Barzesti main road - Ion Iriceanu St - Turnu Magurele St - Luica St - Giugului main road - Alexandru Anghel St - Prelungirea Ferentari St - Calea Ferentariilor - M. Sebastian St - Calea 13 Septembrie - Ghencea Bvd - Brasov St - Virtutii main road - Calea Crangasi - Grant crossing - Calea Grivitei - Bucurestii Noi Bvd - Jiului St - Poligrafiei Bvd - Jiului crossing - Baiculesti St - Straulesti main road - Ion Ionescu de la Brad Bvd

Period from 1 July to 31 August daily between 07h00 and 20h00;
from 1 September to 30 June daily between 08h00 and 19h00;

outwith these hours, access is permitted only under cover of a special authorisation

Exceptions When in service, the following vehicles are not subject to these restrictions: ambulances, vehicles of the civil protection service, police, fire brigade, gendarmerie, border police, Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Justice, prison service, Public Ministry, special units of the Romanian Service of Information and of the Service of Guard and Protection.

Furthermore, the following vehicles may access the restricted areas during the hours of the driving ban provided they have a special authorisation: road maintenance vehicles, vehicles used to tow away

damaged or abandoned vehicles or those which are unlawfully parked; vehicles used for the training and examination of candidates applying for driving licences of categories C, CE and CIE; post office vehicles and vehicles belonging to companies providing delivery and courier services; vehicles transporting bread and bakery products or milk in tanks destined for processing; vehicles transporting dangerous goods; vehicles heading for customs offices or industrial areas via specified routes (*see below*).

All infringements will be sanctioned by a fine of between RON 30000 and RON 50000

Authorisations

Authorisations are issued by the Town Hall of the Municipality of Bucharest through the Administration of Transport, Roads and Traffic Safety. Daily permits are also available from Petrom fuel stations situated on the main access routes to Bucharest. Rates are as follows:

a) for access to zone “A”:

MPW	RON / month	RON / day
up to 5t	free of charge	free of charge
>5.0t to 7.5t	20,000	2,000
>7.5t to 12.5t	40,000	4,000
>12.5t to 16.0t	80,000	8,000
>16.0t to 22.0t	120,000	12,000
>22.0t to 40.0t	160,000	16,000
>40.0t	200,000	20,000

b) for access to zone “B”:

MPW	RON / month	RON / day
up to 5t	free of charge	free of charge
>5.0t to 7.5t	5,000	500
>7.5t to 12.5t	10,000	1,000
>12.5t to 16.0t	15,000	1,500
>16.0t to 22.0t	20,000	2,000
>22.0t to 40.0t	25,000	2,500
>40.0t	30,000	3,000

Notes:

1. These driving restrictions are signposted.
2. Vehicles of over 5t MPW which do not have the Municipality of Bucharest as their final destination are forbidden to transit Bucharest.

3. Authorisations are not transferable. They must be shown on request, together with the vehicle registration certificate.
4. Authorisations which are valid in zone A are also valid in zone B.
5. Vehicles heading for zone B or for certain customs offices or industrial zones may access the restricted area under cover of a special authorisation and provided they take the following routes:

Access to zone B :

- from the Bucharest - Pitesti highway, via Iuliu Maniu Bvd, Valea Cascadelor St, Valea Oltului St, Prelungirea Ghencea St;
- from DN6, via Alexandriei main road, Antiaeriana main road

Access to customs offices and industrial areas :

- access to the customs office in Timisoara Bvd - Timisoara Bvd from Valea Cascadelor St or Valea Oltului St up to Romancierilor St and back;
- access to the industrial area between Timisoara Bvd, Iuliu Maniu Bvd, Vasile Milea Bvd, Lujerului St, via Timisoara Bvd, Vasile Milea Bvd, Iuliu Maniu Bvd and back;
- access to the industrial area between Drumul Sarii, M. Sebastian St, Cal.Rahovei and Progresului St, via Calea 13 Septembrie, M. Sebastian St, Razoare St, Progresului St, Panduri main road and back via Calea 13 Septembrie;
- access to the industrial area between Calea Rahovei, G. Cosbuc Bvd, C-tin Istrati St, Progresului St, via Calea Rahovei, G. Cosbuc Bvd, C-tin Istrati St, Progresului St;
- access to the industrial area on the "Rocar" platform, via Toporasi St;
- access to the industrial area between Ziduri Mosi St, Ferdinand Bvd, Obor Railway Station Bvd, Baicului St, Paharnicu Turturea St, Heliade intre Vii St, Doamna Ghica St, via Doamna Ghica St, Heliade intre Vii St, Pharnicu Turturea St, Baicului St, Obor Railway Station Bvd, Ferdinand Bvd, Ziduri Mosi St and back;
- access to the customs office in Expozitiei Bvd, via Bucurestii Noi Bvd, Ion Mihalache Bvd, Clabucet St, Expozitiei Bvd and back via Putul lui Craciun;
- access to the industrial area in Splaiul Unirii, between Vitan Barzesti main road and Mihai Bravu main road, in Splaiul Unirii, up to Mihai Bravu main road and back

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Sources: UNTRR, December 2005

ARTRI, October 2005

Driving restrictions, 2006 Slovakia

Vehicles concerned 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

Area On motorways, trunk roads and main roads (Class 1)

Prohibitions on Sundays and public holidays from 00h00 to 22h00;
on Saturdays between 1 July and 31 August from 07h00 to 20h00

Vehicles concerned Special motor vehicles and carts with a width exceeding 0.60m

Prohibition between 1 July and 31 August
· 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 of 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 2006	1 January	New Year's Day
	6 January	Epiphany
	14 April	Good Friday
	16 April	Easter Sunday
	17 April	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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Source: CESMAD Slovakia, December 2005

Driving restrictions, 2006 Slovenia

Vehicles concerned

trucks and combination vehicles with an MPW of more than 7.5t or with a length of over 14m

Prohibitions

- on all Sundays, public holidays and non-working days throughout the year from 08h00 to 22h00;
- during the period from 15 June to 15 September
 - on Saturdays from 07h00 to 13h00
 - on Sundays, public holidays and non-working days from 07h00 to 22h00;
- on Good Friday from 14h00 to 22h00;
- during the tourist season (from 15 June to 15 September), on the road sections indicated in paragraphs 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 26 below
 - on Saturdays from 05h00 to 16h00
 - on Sundays, public holidays and non-working days from 05h00 to 24h00

Road sections concerned

1. *Predor Karavanke - Vrba*
A2 Predor Karavanke - Vrba
2. *Ratece - Podkoren*
R1-202 Ratece (Italian border) - Podkoren
3. *Kranjska Gora - Nova Gorica*
R1-206 Kranjska Gora - Vrsic - Trenta - Bovec
R1-203 Bovec - Kobarid
G2-102 Robic (Italian border) - Kobarid - Perseti
4. *Korensko Sedlo - Podkoren - Lesce - Podtabor*
R1-201 Korensko Sedlo (Austrian border) - Podkoren - Mojstrana - Hrusica
R3-637 Hrusica - Javnornik - Zirovnica - Vrba
G1-8 Vrba - Lesce - Crnivec
H1 Crnivec - Lesnica
5. *Ljubelj - Podtabor*
G2-101 Ljubelj (Austrian border) - Bistrica pri Trzicu - Podtabor
6. *Podtabor - Ljubljana*
R2-411 Podtabor - Naklo
R2-412 Naklo - Kranj - Kranj (Labore)
R1-211 Kranj (Labore) - Jeprca - Ljubljana (Sentvid)
G1-8 Ljubljana (Sentvid) - Ljubljana (ringroad)
7. *Lesnica - Podtabor - Ljubljana (motorway)*
A2 Lesnica - Podtabor - Kranj west - Ljubljana (Sentvid)
8. *Ljubljana - Visnja Gora - Korenitka (motorway)*
A2 Ljubljana (Malence) - Visnja Gora - Bic - Korenitka
9. *Ljubljana - Obrezje*
G2-106 Ljubljana (Rudnik) - Skofljica - Smarje Sap
H1 Korenitka - Trebnje - Obrezje (Croatian border)
10. *Sentilj - Trojane - Ljubljana (motorway and RMVO*)*
A1 Sentilj (Austrian border) - Pesnica
H2 Pesnica - Maribor (Tezno)

- A1 Slivnica - Celje - Arja Vas - Vransko - Trojane and Blagovica - Ljubljana (Zadobrova)
11. *Sentilj - Pesnica*
R2-437 Sentilj (Austrian border) - Pesnica
12. *Maribor - Ljubljana (Tomacevo)*
G1-13 Maribor (Ptujška) - Slivnica
R2-430 Slivnica - Sl. Bistrica - Sl. Konjice - Celje
G1-5 Celje - Arja Vas
R2-447 Arja Vas - Zalec - Sempeter - Locica - Trojane and Blagovica - Trzin
G1-10 Trojane - Blagovica
G2-104 Trzin - Ljubljana (Crnuce) - Ljubljana (Tomacevo)
13. *Ljubljana ringroad (motorway and RMVO*)*
H3 Ljubljana (Zadobrova) - Ljubljana (Tomacevo) - Ljubljana (Koseze)
A1 Ljubljana (Zadobrova) - Ljubljana (Malence) - Ljubljana (Kozarje)
A2 Ljubljana (Koseze) - Ljubljana (Kozarje)
14. *Ljubljana - Klanec (motorway)*
A1 Ljubljana (Kozarje) - Razdrto - Divaca - Kozina - Klanec
15. *Ljubljana - Kozina - Klanec*
R2-409 Ljubljana (Vic) - Vrhnika - Logatec
G2-102 Logatec - Kalce
R2-409 Kalce - Postojna - Razdrto - Kozina - Klanec
16. *Klanec - Dekani*
G1-10 Kozina - Dekani crossing
17. *Skofije - Secovlje*
G1-11 Skofije (Italian border) - Dekani crossing
A1 Dekani crossing - Koper
G2-111 Koper - Secovlje (Croatian border)
18. *Koper - Dragonja*
G1-11 Koper - Smarje - Dragonja (Croatian border)
19. *Divaca (Gabrk) - Fernetici (motorway)*
A3 Divaca (Gabrk) - Sezana - Fernetici (Italian border)
20. *Senozece - Fernetice*
R2-445 Senozece - Sezana - Fernetici (Italian border)
21. *Sezana - Stanjel*
R1-204 Sezana - Dutovlje - Stanjel
22. *Stanjel - Sempeter*
R3-614 Stanjel - Komen - Kostanjevica na Krasu - Opatje Selo - Miren - Sempeter
23. *Sezana - Divaca*
R2-446 Sezana - Divaca
24. *Vipava - Vrtojba (motorway)*
H4 Vipava - Ajdovscina - Selo - Nova Gorica - Vrtojba (Italian border)
25. *Razdrto - Rozna Dolina*
G1-12 Razdrto - Podnanos - Vipava

- R2-444 Vipava - Ajdovscina (bypass) - Selo - Nova Gorica - Rozna Dolina
26. *Postojna - Jelsane*
G1-6 Postojna - Ilirska Bistrica - Jelsane (Croatian border)
27. *Starod - Krvavi Potok*
G1-7 Starod (Croatian border) - Kozina - Krvavi Potok (Italian border)
28. *Skofljica - Petrina (Brod na Kolpi)*
G2-106 Skofljica - Ribnica - Kocevje - Petrina (Croatian border)
29. *Karteljevo/Mackovec - Novo Mesto - Metlika*
G2-105 Karteljevo - Novo Mesto - Metlika (Croatian border)
G2-105 Mackovec - Novo Mesto
30. *Celje - Dobovec*
G2-107 Celje east - Sentjur pri Celju - Smarje pri Jelsah - Dobovec (Croatian border)
31. *Slovenska Bistrica - Ormoz - Sredisce ob Dravi*
G1-2 Slovenska Bistrica - Hajdina - Ptuj - Ormoz (bypass) - Sredisce ob Dravi (Croatian border)
32. *Spuhlja - Zavrc*
R1-228 Spuhlja - Zavrc (Croatian border)
33. *Hajdina (Ptuj) - Gruskovje*
G1-9 Hajdina (Ptuj) - Gruskovje (Croatian border)
34. *Vucja Vas - Lipovci (motorway)*
A5 Vucja Vas - Murska Sobota - Lipovci
35. *Pesnica - Dolga Vas*
G1-3 Pesnica - Lenart - Radenci - Vucja Vas and Lipovci - Dolnji Lakos (bypass) - Lendava - Dolga Vas (Hungarian border)
36. *Petisovci - Dolnji Lakos*
G2-109 Petisovci - Dolnji Lakos
37. *Gornja Radgona - Most cez Muro (Mura bridge)*
G2-110 Gornja Radgona - Most cez Muro (Mura bridge)
38. *Vic - Maribor - Hajdina (Ptuj)*
G1-1 Vic (Austrian border) - Dravograd - Maribor (Koroski Most) - Tezno - Hajdina (Ptuj)
G1-4 Dravograd - Slovenj Gradec - Velenje - Arja Vas

* RMVO = road for motor vehicles only

Exceptions

1. The transport or towing of damaged or broken down vehicles. In such cases, only a company registered for this type of activity may move the vehicle to the nearest suitable place.
2. Humanitarian aid transport.
3. Vehicles involved in combined transport operations (rail or sea)
 - vehicles travelling to a rail or ferry terminal if there is a possibility that by respecting the driving restrictions the vehicle would not arrive at the terminal in time; the driver must prove this by means of the relevant documentation;
 - vehicles travelling from a rail or ferry terminal to the nearest border crossing, if the vehicle can

complete the transport operation in the other country.

4. The refrigerated transport of perishable goods.
5. The transport of fresh flowers.
6. Empty vehicles which are travelling to a place where they will be loaded or from a place where they have been unloaded provided this can be proved by means of the relevant documentation.

Points to note

Before the beginning of the restriction, drivers must immobilise their vehicles in suitable parking places at the roadside.

During the period of the restriction, foreign-registered vehicles of over 7.5t GVW or over 14m in length may not enter Slovenia, but should use the parking areas in the border zone.

In winter conditions, it is forbidden to drive combination vehicles, vehicles transporting dangerous goods, as well as exceptional loads. Even if these vehicles have the compulsory winter equipment, entry into Slovenia is not permitted while winter conditions prevail. This does not apply to vehicles registered in Slovenia if there is a suitable parking place at the border crossing allowing these vehicles to be removed from the traffic. It is the driver's responsibility to stop at the first suitable off-road parking area until the roads have been cleared.

In the case of high winds, trucks, combination vehicles, buses and coaches are prohibited on certain road sections. These restrictions are signposted.

Public holidays 2006

1 January	New Year's Day
2 January	New Year holiday
8 February	Day of Slovenian Culture
17 April	Easter Monday
27 April	Day of Uprising (1941)
1 May	Labour Day
2 May	Labour Day
25 June	Independence Day
15 August	Assumption
31 October	Reformation Day
1 November	All Saints' Day
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	St Stephen's Day

Further information may be obtained from

Giz Intertransport
Tivolska cesta 50
P.p. 01 - 119
Ljubljana 1001
Slovenia
tel: (+386 1) 231 39 31
fax: (+386 1) 231 89 67
e-mail: giz@intertransport.si

Source: Giz Intertransport, December 2005

Driving restrictions, 2006 **Spain**

Vehicles concerned Trucks with a maximum authorised weight of over 7.5t
Area Certain national roads giving access to Madrid and Barcelona, depending on traffic density
Prohibition Sundays and public holidays, from 17h00 to 24h00

Vehicles concerned Vehicles transporting dangerous goods
Prohibition On the eve of public holidays from 13h00 to 24h00;
on Sundays and public holidays from 08h00 to 24h00.
NB: Saturdays - no restrictions

Regional driving restrictions

Vehicles concerned Trucks with a maximum authorised weight of over 7.5t
Area Basque region
Prohibition from 22h00 on Saturdays and on the eve of public holidays to 22h00 on Sundays and public holidays

Vehicles concerned Vehicles with a maximum permitted weight of over 3.5t used for the transport of dangerous goods
Area Basque region
Prohibition on the eve of public holidays (except Saturdays) from 13h00 to 24h00;
on Sundays and public holidays from 08h00 to 24h00;
on 31 July, 1 August and 31 August from 00h00 to 24h00

Public holidays 2006

National holidays

2 January	Monday following New Year's Day (except Balearic Islands, Canary Islands, Cantabria, Castile La Mancha, Castile and Leon, Catalonia, Valencia, Galicia, Madrid, Murcia, Navarra, Basque region, La Rioja)
6 January	Epiphany
20 March	Monday following St Joseph (except Andalusia, Aragon, Asturias, Balearic Islands, Canary Islands, Cantabria, Castile and Leon, Catalonia, Valencia, Extremadura, Galicia, Navarra, Baque region, La Rioja, Ceuta)
13 April	Maundy Thursday (except Catalonia)
14 April	Good Friday
1 May	Labour Day
25 July	St James (except Andalusia, Aragon, Asturias, Balearic Islands, Cantabria, Castile La Mancha, Catalonia, Valencia, Extremadura, Madrid, Murcia, La Rioja, Ceuta, Melilla)
15 August	Assumption

12 October	National Day
1 November	All Saints' Day
6 December	Spanish Constitution Day
8 December	Immaculate Conception
25 December	Christmas Day

Regional holidays

28 February	Andalusia
1 March	Balearic Islands
17 April	Catalonia, Valencia, Navarra, Basque region, La Rioja
24 April	Aragon, Castile and Leon
2 May	Madrid
17 May	Galicia
30 May	Canary Islands
31 May	Castile La Mancha
9 June	Murcia, La Rioja
24 June	Catalonia
28 July	Cantabria
2 September	Ceuta
8 September	Asturias, Extremadura
11 September	Catalonia
15 September	Cantabria
9 October	Valencia
26 December	Balearic Islands, Catalonia

Further information may be obtained from

ASTIC
 Fernández de la Hoz, 78, entreplanta
 E - 28003 Madrid
 tel: (+34 91) 451 48 07
 fax: (+34 91) 395 28 23
 e-mail: astic@astic.net

Source: ASTIC, January 2006

Driving restrictions, 2006 Switzerland

Vehicles concerned	Lorries with a maximum authorised weight of more than 3.5t; industrial tractors and machines; articulated vehicles and road trains of over 5t. (Passenger transport vehicles, camping cars and agricultural vehicles are excluded from these restrictions.)
Area	throughout Switzerland
Prohibitions	Sundays and public holidays from 00h00 to 24h00; at night from 22h00 to 05h00

Public holidays 2006	1 January	New Year's Day
	14 April	Good Friday
	17 April	Easter Monday
	25 May	Ascension
	5 June	Whit Monday
	1 August	National Day
	25 December	Christmas Day
	26 December	St Stephen's Day

If any of the above dates is not a holiday in one of the cantons or part of a canton, there is no prohibition in that canton.

The cantonal prohibitions for public holidays do not apply to traffic in transit.

Driving is also forbidden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · from 13 April at 22h00 to 15 April at 05h00 · from 15 April at 22h00 to 18 April at 05h00 · from 24 May at 22h00 to 26 May at 05h00 · from 3 June at 22h00 to 6 June at 05h00 · from 31 July at 22h00 to 2 August at 05h00 · from 23 December at 22h00 to 26 December at 05h00 · from 30 December at 22h00 to 2 January 2007 at 05h00
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Furthermore, in the case of dangerous goods transport, certain restrictions apply to the use of tunnels.

Derogations covering the whole of Switzerland may be issued by the authorities of the cantons concerned by the journey or of the canton in which the journey subject to authorisation begins. The allocation of these authorisations is no longer within the jurisdiction of the canton if its territory is no longer concerned.

For foreign vehicles, authorisations are issued by the

Federal Office of Roads
Principal Division of Road Traffic
Mühlestr. 2
Ittigen
CH - 3003 Bern
Tel: (+41 31) 322 94 11
Fax: (+41 31) 323 43 00/21

Further information may be obtained from

ASTAG
Swiss Road Transport Association
Weissenbühlweg 3
CH – 3007 Bern
tel: (+41 31) 370 85 85
fax: (+41 31) 370 85 88
e-mail: astag@astag.ch

Source: ASTAG, December 2005

Driving restrictions, 2006 United Kingdom

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

Transport Committee for London
Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU)
Lorry Control Section
New Zealand House
80 Haymarket
LONDON SW1Y 4TE

tel: (+44 207) 747 4767
fax: (+44 207) 930 2719
out of hours: (+44 207) 582 1038
URL: www.tcfl.gov.uk
e-mail : teu@tcfl.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 TEU (see above).

Local restrictions

Vehicles concerned	trucks exceeding 17t GVW
Area	Windsor, Berkshire
Prohibition	Vehicles must enter the town from the north via the M4 motorway and the A308, or from the south via the A332
Vehicles concerned	trucks exceeding 7.5t GVW
Area	A591 (Grasmere, Barrow-in-Furness, Kendal) part of the Lake District, Cumbria
Exceptions	Permits available from the County Office. tel: (+44 1539) 773 040 ; fax: (+44 1539) 773 033

Vehicles concerned	trucks exceeding 18t GVW
Area	A685 Brough to Tebay, Cumbria
Exceptions	Vehicles requiring access along the route or vehicles carrying livestock. More information from the local council. tel: (+44 1768) 242 322 ; fax: (+44 1768) 242 321

Public holidays 2006	1 January	New Year's Day
	2 January	New Year holiday (<i>in lieu of 1 January</i>)
	3 January	New Year holiday (Scotland)
	17 March	St Patrick's Day (N. Ireland)
	14 April	Good Friday
	16 April	Easter Sunday
	17 April	Easter Monday
	1 May	May holiday
	29 May	Spring bank holiday
	12 July	Bank holiday (N. Ireland)
	7 August	Bank holiday (Scotland)
	28 August	Summer bank holiday (England, Wales, N. Ireland)
	25 December	Christmas Day
	26 December	Boxing Day

Further information may be obtained from

Freight Transport Association (FTA)
Hermes House
St John's Road
Tunbridge Wells
Kent TN4 9UZ
tel: (+44 1892) 52 61 71
fax: (+44 1892) 53 49 89
e-mail: international@fta.co.uk

Road Haulage Association (RHA)
Roadway House
35 Monument Hill
Weybridge
Surrey KT13 8RN
tel: (+44 1932) 84 15 15
fax: (+44 1932) 85 45 26
e-mail: international@rha.net

Source: RHA, December 2005

Driving restrictions - 2006

There are no driving restrictions on international HGV traffic at weekends or on public holidays in the following countries:

Albania
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Belgium
Bosnia-Herzegovina
Cyprus
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
Georgia
Iran
Ireland
Kazakhstan
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Latvia
Lithuania
Macedonia (FYROM)
Moldova
Netherlands
Norway
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Serbia and Montenegro
Sweden
Tajikistan
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Ukraine
Uzbekistan

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