

**Driving restrictions, goods transport, 2018
Bulgaria**

Vehicles concerned	all goods vehicles over 15t
Prohibition	permanent till the end of the maintenance works
Road concerned	road I-1 between km 276+162 and km 282+485
Vehicles concerned	all goods vehicles of over 12t total laden weight
Prohibition	permanent till the end of the maintenance works
Road concerned	road I-3 between km 193+345 (intersection with the road to Pravetz junction) and km 204+200 (intersection with I-1)
Vehicles concerned	all goods vehicles of over 15t total laden weight
Prohibition	permanent
Road concerned	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
Vehicles concerned	all goods motor vehicles of over 12t total laden weight (N3) and the towing of trailers and semi trailers with MPW over 10t (O4)
Prohibition	from 1 November to 31 March
Road concerned	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.
Vehicles concerned	all goods vehicles of over 3.5t total laden weight
Prohibition	permanent till the end of the maintenance works
Road concerned	road I-5, section overbridge Kirkovo – Makasa
Vehicles concerned	all vehicles
Prohibition	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 Rishki Pass (II-73 road) or the Prohod na Republikata Pass (road II-55).

Vehicles concerned all goods motor vehicles of over 12t total laden weight (N3) (incl. trailers and semi trailers) with more than 2 axles

Prohibition from 1 November to 31 March

Road concerned II-81, section Petrohan Pass

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

Prohibition permanent

Road concerned II-82, section Kostenez (km 0+000) – Samokov (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 public holidays – in case of more than one 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)
 - 29 December 2017 from 16h00 to 20h00;
 - 1 January 2018 from 14h00 to 20h00;
 - 2 March from 16h00 to 20h00;
 - 5 March from 14h00 to 20h00;
 - 5 April from 16h00 to 20h00;
 - 9 April from 14h00 to 20h00;
 - 4 May from 16h00 to 20h00
 - 7 May from 14h00 to 20h00
 - 21 September from 16h00 to 20h00;
 - 24 September from 14h00 to 20h00;
 - 21 December from 16h00 to 20h00;
 - 26 December from 14h00 to 20h00.

Roads concerned

- all motorways
- roads class I
 - road I-1 section Rebarkovo – Botevgrad, the vehicles concerned should use the road II-16 Rebarkovo – Svoge – Sofia
 - road I-1 Blagoevgrad – border crossing point “Kulata” (with Greece);
 - road I-4 Koritna junction – Veliko Tarnovo – Shumen;

- road I-5 Ruse – Veliko Tarnovo;
 - road I-8 border crossing point “Kalotina” (with Serbia) – Sofia;
 - road I-9 Varna – Burgas.
- roads class II
 - road II-18 Sofia ringroad;
 - road II-99 Burgas – Tsarevo.

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

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

Prohibition Summer restriction from 1 June to 15 September 2017

- on Friday: from 17h00 to 20h00
- on Sunday: from 14h00 to 20h00

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Roads concerned

- Trakia motorway
 - direction Sofia – Plovdiv on Friday from 18h00 to 20h00;
 - direction Burgas – Sofia on Sunday from 16h00 to 20h00;
- Struma motorway
 - direction junction Daskalovo – border crossing point Kulata on Saturday from 10h00 to 14h00;
- Maritsa motorway
 - direction Svilengrad – Trakia motorway on Sunday from 16h00 to 20h00.

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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. – Slivnitza 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. – Malashevka 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 2018

1 January	New Year's Day
3 March	National Day
5 March	<i>Additional public holiday*</i>
6 April	Good Friday (Orthodox)
8 April	Easter Sunday (Orthodox)
9 April	Easter Monday (Orthodox)
1 May	Labour Day
6 May	Bulgarian Army Day
7 May	<i>Additional public holiday*</i>
24 May	Day of Slavonic Alphabet
6 September	Day of Unification
22 September	Independence Day
24 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

* According to an amendment of the Bulgarian Labor Code, published on 30th of December 2016, if the holiday (except Eastern holydays) falls on a Saturday and/or a Sunday, the following one or two working day(s) will be a day off for compensation.

Source: AEBTRI, December 2017



Driving Restrictions, Goods Transport 2018 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](#).

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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>, www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/congestioncharging and www.urbanaccessregulations.eu

Public holidays 2018

1 January	New Year's Day
2 January	New Year holiday (Scotland)
17 March	St Patrick's Day (N. Ireland)
19 March	St Patrick's Lieu Day (N. Ireland)
30 March	Good Friday
2 April	Easter Monday
7 May	May Day holiday
28 May	Spring bank holiday
12 July	Bank holiday (N. Ireland)
6 August	Bank holiday (Scotland & N.Ireland)
27 August	Summer bank holiday
30 November	St Andrew's Day (Scotland)
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Boxing Day

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



Driving Restrictions, Goods Transport, 2018 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	tunnels on the A23 motorway : · 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>
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 - Carvalhos 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 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 authorization.

Other cities

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

Public holidays 2018

1 January	New Year's Day
13 February	Carnival (not required)
30 March	Good Friday
1 Avril	Easter Sunday
25 Avril	Liberation Day
1 May	Labor Day
31 May	Corpus Christi
10 June	National Day
15 August	Assumption
5 October	Establishment of the Republic
1 November	All Saint's Day
1 December	Independence Day
8 December	Immaculate Conception
25 December	Christmas Day

Major regional public holidays 2018

13 June	Lisboa
24 June	Porto e Braga
29 June	Sintra e Évora

Source: ANTRAM, November 2017