



Driving restrictions

Germany- Goods
transport

Here we have gathered information on HGV
restrictions and restrictions related to public
holidays.

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Driving restrictions

Are there any driving restrictions on international HGV traffic at weekends or on public holidays?

Yes

The driving ban only applies to freight transports that are used for the business-like or paid transport of goods, including associated empty journeys.

Vehicle(s) concerned

Period

Location

Exception



Goods road motor vehicle (GVW >7.5t)



Trucks with trailers

01/01

to

31/12

**Sundays
Public holidays**

From 00h00 to 22h00

Nationwide throughout the road and motorway network

Section

All

Direction

Both directions

see general restrictions below



Goods road motor vehicle (GVW >7.5t)



Trucks with trailers

01/07

to

31/08

Saturdays

From 07h00 to 20h00

Nationwide

Section

Summer driving restrictions on several motorways, for further information see annex below

Direction

Both directions

see general restrictions below

Exceptions

1. 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).
2. 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).
3. Transport of animal by-products acc. category 1 acc. Art. 8 as well as category 2 acc. Art. 9 f) i) of regulation (EG) No. 1069/2009
4. Use of recovery vehicles, tow services and breakdown vehicles in case of an accident or any other emergency
5. Transport of live bees
6. Empty vehicles in connection with transports mentioned under point 2-5
7. 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.

Additional information

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

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Annual public holidays

25 Dec 2023 **Christmas Day** All country

26 Dec 2023 **St Stephen's Day** All country

1 Jan 2023 **New Year's Day** All country

7 Apr 2023 **Good Friday** All country

10 Apr 2023 **Easter Monday** All country

1 May 2023 **Labour Day** All country

18 May 2023 **Ascension** All country

29 May 2023 **Whit Monday** All country

8 Jun 2023 **Corpus Christi** only in Baden-Wuerttemberg, Bavaria, Hessen, North-Rhine Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saar

3 Oct 2023 **German Unification Day** All country

31 Oct 2023 **Reformation Day** only in Brandenburg, Bremen, Hamburg, Lower Saxony, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, Schleswig-Holstein, and Thuringia

1 Nov 2023 **All Saints' Day** only in Baden-Wuerttemberg, Bavaria, North-Rhine Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saar

25 Dec 2023

Christmas Day

All country

26 Dec 2023

St Stephen's Day

All country

Please note that at any other Public holidays in Germany than those referred to above there is no driving ban.

Further information may be obtained from
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