



Driving restrictions

United Kingdom-
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?

No

Vehicle(s) concerned

Period

Location

Exception



Trucks exceeding 18t permissible weight

01/01

to

31/12

Every day

From 21h00 to 07h00 during the week

From 13h00 on Saturday to 07h00 on Monday at weekends

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)

Section

All

Direction

Both directions

- vehicles operating under special authorisation because they are carrying an abnormal indivisible load;- vehicles "whose load is required for the purposes of dealing with any emergency affecting the safety of persons or property". Transport operators must apply for exemption permits which are supplied free of charge by the London Lorry Control Team London Councils 59 ½ Southwark Street LONDON SE1 0AL Tel: (+44 20) 7934 9915 Fax: (+44 20) 7934 9591 URL: www.londoncouncils.gov.uk...

Additional information

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.

Go to the following links for more information:

For information on the London Low Emission Zone, Ultra Low Emission Zone and Congestion Charging area go to www.tfl.gov.uk/low_emission_zone

- www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/congestioncharging

- <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone>

More and more cities in the UK are introducing Clean Air Zones. Information on those and other LEZs or city access regulations can be found at

- www.urbanaccessregulations.eu or

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-a-clean-air-zone>

London also implemented Direct Vision Safety (DVS) Permit, a permit required for all vehicles over 12 tons entering the Greater London area. <https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/deliveries-in-london/delivering-safely/direct-vision-in-heavy-goods-vehicles>

View a Map here <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/dvs-where-and-when>

Loading and unloading in London

<https://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/services/parking-services/parking-and-traffic/parking-advice-members-public/loading-and-unloading>

Annual public holidays

30 Nov 2023	St Andrew's Day	Scotland
25 Dec 2023	Christmas Day	All country
26 Dec 2023	Boxing Day	All country
27 Dec 2022	Christmas day (substitute)	All country
1 Jan 2023	New Year's Day	All country
2 Jan 2023	New Year's Day (substitute)	All country
3 Jan 2023	New Year's Day (substitute)	Scotland
17 Mar 2023	St Patrick's Day	N. Ireland
7 Apr 2023	Good Friday	All country
10 Apr 2023	Easter Monday	All country
1 May 2023	May Day holiday	All country
8 May 2023	King Charles Coronation	All country
29 May 2023	Spring bank holiday	All country
12 Jul 2023	Bank holiday	N. Ireland
7 Aug 2023	Bank holiday	Scotland

28 Aug 2022

Summer bank holiday

All country

30 Nov 2023

St Andrew's Day

Scotland

25 Dec 2023

Christmas Day

All country

26 Dec 2023

Boxing Day

All country

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