



Driving restrictions

Slovakia- 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

Vehicle(s) concerned

Period

Location

Exception



Trucks and combination vehicles with a total authorised weight of more than 7.5t

01/01

to

31/12

**Sundays
Public holidays**

From 00h00 to 22h00

Trucks with a total authorised weight of more than 3.5t with trailer or semi-trailer

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

Section

All

Direction

Both directions

General exceptions below



Trucks and combination vehicles with a total authorised weight of more than 7.5t

01/07

to

Trucks with a total authorised weight of more than 3.5t with trailer or semi-trailer

31/08

Saturdays

From 07h00 to 19h00

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

Section

All

Direction

Both directions

General exceptions below



Goods road motor vehicle (GVW >12t)

01/01

to

31/12

Every day

All day

On roads of Class III

Section

All

Direction

Both directions

Exceptions

- a) coaches, caravans;
- b) vehicles of the armed forces, police and the Slovak Security Service;
- c) vehicles used for indispensable seasonal agricultural work;
- d) 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;
- e) vehicles used in combined transport or for loading or unloading ships or trains on the territory of the Slovak Republic;
- f) vehicles used for cultural or sporting events, and in particular for the transport of boats, motorcycles, horses, birds etc.;
- g) aid vehicles required at scenes of accidents or natural disaster;
- h) vehicles transporting dangerous goods;
- i) vehicles used for the supply of petrol stations;
- j) vehicles transporting foodstuffs 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.

Additional information

In accordance with Act 9, §140 of the 2009 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), Raciarska 45, 812 72 Bratislava, Tel.: +421 9610 50221. 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.

Annual public holidays

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| 17 Nov 2023 | Day of fight for freedom and democracy | All country |
| 24 Dec 2023 | Christmas Eve | All country |
| 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 |
| 6 Jan 2023 | Epiphany | All country |
| 7 Apr 2023 | Good Friday | All country |
| 10 Apr 2023 | Easter Monday | All country |
| 1 May 2023 | Labour Day | All country |
| 8 May 2023 | Armistice 1945 | All country |
| 5 Jul 2023 | St Cyril and St Methodius | All country |
| 29 Aug 2023 | Anniversary of the Slovak national uprising | All country |
| 1 Sep 2023 | Constitution Day | All country |
| 15 Sep 2023 | Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows | All country |

1 Nov 2023

All Saints' Day

All country

17 Nov 2023

Day of fight for freedom and democracy

All country

24 Dec 2023

Christmas Eve

All country

25 Dec 2023

Christmas Day

All country

26 Dec 2023

St Stephen's Day

All country

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