

Driving restrictions SPAIN

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

Yes

The Directorate General of Traffic establishes special traffic regulation measures in most regions of Spain. The detailed measures are available in the document attached below. In the Basque country and in Catalonia, local authorities are in charge of editing the rules. Detailed information is also available below

Vehicle(s) concerned

Period

Location

Exception

Goods road motor vehicle (GVW >7.5t)

01/01

to

31/12

Days indicated in Annex II of the Resolution attached below

Times indicated in Annex II of the Resolution attached below

On the stretches indicated in Annex II of the Resolution attached below

- Live cattle. - Transport of perishable goods, understood as those listed in Annex 3 of the International Agreement on the Carriage of Perishable Goods (ATP) as well as fresh fruit and vegetables, in vehicles that meet the definitions and standards set out in Annex 1 of the ATP. In any case, the perishable goods must account for at least half of the payload capacity of the vehicle or occupy half of the payload volume of the vehicle. - Vehicles of the Sociedad Estatal Correos y Telégrafos,...

Vehicles transporting dangerous goods

01/01

to

31/12

Days indicated in Annex V (section 1 and 2) of the Resolution attached below

Times indicated in Annex V (section 1 and 2) of the Resolution attached below

Stretches indicated in Annex V (section 1 and 2) of the Resolution attached below

Vehicles carrying the substances referred to in Annex III of the Resolution, under the conditions laid down therein and without prejudice to compliance with any other restrictions which may apply to them.

Abnormal load vehicles

01/01

to

31/12

Days indicated in Annex II and Annex V (section 1 and 2) of the Resolution attached below

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- This restriction shall not apply to vehicles which, due to their urgent use in fire prevention and extinguishing, environmental protection, maintenance of road conditions and the saving of human lives, must unavoidably circulate during the aforementioned restricted hours. To this end, at the time of starting the journey, the Traffic Management Centre of the affected area shall be informed of the complementary authorization number or, failing this, the vehicle registration number, as well as...

Vehicles with a gross vehicle weight exceeding 3,5t

01/01

to

31/12

In the event of adverse weather phenomena

The circulation of certain types of vehicles may be restricted, without prejudice to the obligation for drivers of lorries with a gross vehicle weight exceeding 3,500 kilos, buses, articulated buses and vehicle combinations, to drive on the right-hand lane of the road, and not to overtake or pass in the event of snow, ice, low visibility due to fog or strong wind.

Additional information

In accordance with Article 5 of Royal Decree 97/2014, of 14 February, which regulates the transport of dangerous goods by road in Spanish territory, the routes to be used by vehicles for the transport of dangerous goods shall be:

- On journeys for distribution and delivery of dangerous goods to their final recipients or consumers: The most suitable route shall be used, both in terms of road safety and traffic flow, travelling the shortest possible distance along conventional roads to the point of delivery of the goods. It is essential to use the ring roads, bypasses or ring roads outside the towns, if any, and if there is more than one, they must use the one furthest outside the town, entering the town center only to carry out loading and unloading operations, and always using the access closest to the delivery point, except for justified reasons of force majeure.

- In other types of journeys: If the points of origin and destination of the journey are included within the RIMP -Red de Itinerarios para Mercancías Peligrosas- (Network of Routes for Dangerous Goods) listed in Annex IV of the resolution, the vehicles transporting them must obligatorily use them on their route. If one or both of these points are outside the RIMP, journeys must be made on those roads that allow access to the network by the nearest entrance or exit in the direction of travel, in order to ensure that the route on single carriageway roads is as short as possible.

Transit on roads other than those indicated here shall require that the itinerary does not pass through crossings or that it does so on those of lesser danger, in accordance with the intensity, classification and distribution of traffic, the size of the urban nucleus, the urban configuration, and the layout and regulation of the roads, and the layout and regulation of the same-, and in addition, prior notification at least twenty-four hours in advance to the

Traffic Management Centre of the affected area, who, in coordination with the Sector of the Traffic Grouping of the Guardia Civil, will confirm whether the use of the new route is appropriate.

Likewise, it will be allowed to leave the RIMP by the nearest exit, in those journeys whose destination or origin is the usual residence of the driver; to carry out daily or weekly breaks; to carry out repair operations, vehicle maintenance or to access the base of the transport company, provided that, in any case, the safety and security conditions established in the ADR are met.

The provisions of the above paragraphs shall not apply when the carriage of this class of goods is carried out in accordance with any of the exemptions included in the ADR due to the load, quantity or type of carriage.

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Vehicle(s) concerned

Period

Location

Exception

Vehicles transporting dangerous goods

Abnormal load vehicles

01/01

to

31/12

Sundays

Public holidays

Eve of public holidays

On Sundays and Public holidays, from 8:00 to 24:00

On the eves of public holidays (if not on Saturdays) from 16:00 to 24:00

On all the roads of the Basque country

Section

All

Direction

Both directions

Vehicles transporting good listed in the Annex III (for ADR vehicles) and VI (for abnormal loads) of the document attached below.

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01/01

to

31/12

Days indicated in Annex II of the Resolution attached below

Times indicated in Annex II of the Resolution attached below

On all the roads of the Basque country

Vehicles transporting good listed in the Annex IV of the document attached below.

Additional information

Vehicles transporting dangerous goods over long distances shall be required to use the long-distance transport of dangerous goods shall use the Dangerous Goods Route Network (RIMP), as set out in Annex V of this Resolution. If the points of origin and/or destination of the movement are outside the RIMP, the RIMP must be the nearest entrance or exit in the direction of travel, in order to make the shortest possible journey outside the RIMP. It shall also be permitted to leave the RIMP for journeys where the destination or origin is the driver's usual residence; for daily or weekly rest periods; to carry out vehicle repair or maintenance operations; or for access to the base of the transport undertaking, provided that the parking conditions complied with ADR conditions.

[Spain - Basque Country restrictions 2023.pdf](#)

Vehicle(s) concerned

Period

Location

Exception

Goods road motor vehicle (GVW >7.5t)

01/01

to

31/12

**Days indicated in Annex B of the document attached below.
Times indicated in Annex B of the Resolution attached below.**

Section

On the roads indicated in Annex B of the Resolution attached below.

Vehicles listed in the point 2 of the document attached below.

Vehicles transporting special goods

Vehicles transporting dangerous goods

01/01

to

31/12

Sundays

Public holidays

Eve of public holidays

On Sundays and Public holidays, from 08:00 to 24:00

On the eves of public holidays (on Wednesday or Thursday) from 16:00 to 24:00

In the case of several consecutive holidays, including Sundays:

- For the first day the restriction will be from 8:00 to 15:00

- The last day the restriction will be from 8:00 to 24:00

- The day before the consecutive holidays, from 16:00 to 24:00.

On all the roads of Catalonia

More restrictions apply to specific roads and are listed in the point 1.1.1.2 and in the 1.1.1.3 in the document below.

Direction

Both directions

Vehicles listed in the point 2 of the document attached below.

Additional information

In case of recognised emergency, authorisations can be delivered for operations normally prohibited during the restricted dates/roads. Details can be found in this link:https://transit.gencat.cat/ca/gestions/transports_urgents_o_de_mercaderies_perilloses/

Annual public holidays

6 Jan 2024

Epiphany

All country

19 Mar 2024

St Joseph's Day

Valencia

29 Mar 2024

Good Friday

All country

1 May 2024

Labour Day

All country

2 May 2024

Community Festival of Madrid

Madrid

17 May 2024

Galician Literature Day

Galicia

31 May 2024

Castile La Mancha Day

Castile La Mancha

9 Jun 2024

Day of Murcia and La Rioja Day

Murcia, La Rioja

24 Jun 2024

Feat of St John the Baptist

Catalonia, Galicia, Valencia

28 Jul 2024

Day of Cantabria Institutions

Cantabria

15 Aug 2024

Assumption

All country

2 Sep 2024

Ceuta Day

Ceuta

8 Sep 2024

Asturias Day and Extremadura Day

Asturias, Extremadura

15 Sep 2024

Lady of Aparecida

Cantabria

12 Oct 2024

National Day

All country

1 Nov 2024

All Saint's Day

All country

6 Dec 2024

Constitution Day

All country

8 Dec 2024

Immaculate Conception

All country

25 Dec 2024

Christmas

All country

26 Dec 2024

Saint Stephen's Day and Monday following Christmas

Andalusia, Aragon, Asturias, Balearic Islands, Canary Islands, Cantabria, Castile La Mancha, Castile and Leon, Catalonia, Extremadura, Madrid, Murcia, Navarre, La Rioja, Melilla

1 Jan 2025

New Year's Day

All country

Additional holidays:

2 January: Andalucía, Aragón, Asturias, Castilla y León, Murcia

21 February: Extremadura

28 February: Andalucía
1 March: Islas Baleares
20 March: Madrid
6 April: Andalucía, Aragón, Asturias, Islas Baleares, Islas Canarias, Cantabria, Castilla-La Mancha, Castilla y León, Extremadura, Galicia, Madrid, Murcia, Navarra, País Vasco, La Rioja.
10 April: Islas Baleares, Cataluña, Navarra, País Vasco, La Rioja.
24 April: Aragón
2 May: Madrid
17 May: Galicia
30 May: Islas Canarias
31 May: Castilla-La Mancha
8 June: Castilla-La Mancha
9 June: Murcia, La Rioja.
24 June: Cataluña
25 July: Castilla y León, Galicia, País Vasco
28 July: Cantabria
8 September: Asturias, Extremadura
11 September: Cataluña
15 September: Cantabria
4 December: Navarra