

Driving restrictions

Bulgaria- 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
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Goods road motor vehicle (GVW >12t)

01/01/2026

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31/12/2026

- Trakia motorway;

- Hemus motorway – in the section from Sofia (km 0+000) to the roundabout intersection with road I-4 (km 87+800);

- Struma Motorway and national road I-1 in the section from the Simitli road junction (km 376+100) to the Kresna road junction (km 402+100).

Section

In 2026, heavy-duty trucks will be subject to restrictions on the following days and times:

- On the last working day before holidays- on 9 and 30 April, 5 and 22 May, 4 and 18 September, and 23 December 2026 – from 3 p.m till 8 p.m. This restriction will not apply on Trakia motorway, Hemus motorway and Struma motorway in the direction of entry into Sofia;

- On the first holiday (non working day) – on 10 April, 1 and 23 May, 5 September and 24 December 2026 – from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. This restriction will not apply on Trakia motorway, Hemus motorway and Struma motorway in the direction of entry into Sofia;

- On the last holiday (non working day) – on 3 March; 13 April; 3, 6 and 25 May; 7 and 22 September and 28 December 2026 – from noon 12:00 p.m. till 8 p.m. This restriction will not apply on Trakia motorway, Hemus motorway and Struma motorway in the direction of exit from Sofia;

The restriction does not apply to roadside assistance with specialised equipment for the repatriation of all types of motor vehicles.- On Trakia motorway, the restriction does not apply to vehicles over 12 tones that provide public passenger transport. In the direction of Sofia on the motorway, the restriction

does not apply to motor vehicles transporting dangerous goods (ADR) in the section from the Ihtiman junction (km 34+000) to the Vakare junction (km 23+400).- On Hemus motorway, in...

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Annual public holidays

3 Mar 2026	National Day	All country
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10 Apr 2026	Good Friday (Orthodox)	All country
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11 Apr 2026	Holy Saturday (Orthodox)	All country
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12 Apr 2026	Easter Sunday (Orthodox)	All country
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13 Apr 2026	Easter Monday (Orthodox)	All country
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1 May 2026	Labour Day	All country
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6 May 2026	Bulgarian Army Day	All country
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24 May 2026	Day of Bulgarian Alphabet, Enlightenment and Culture	All country
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25 May 2026	Additional non- working day*	All country
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6 Sep 2026	Union Day	All country
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7 Sep 2026	Additional non-working day*	All country
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22 Sep 2026	Independence Day	All country
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1 Nov 2026	Day of the Leaders of the National Revival (working day)	All country
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24 Dec 2026	Christmas Eve	All country
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25 Dec 2026	Christmas	All country
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26 Dec 2026	Christmas	All country
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28 Dec 2026	Additional non-working day*	All country
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1 Jan 2027	New Year's Day	All country
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* 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.