# Driving Restrictions, Goods Transport Portugal

# 2025

1. Vehicles concerned	Vehicles of over 3.5t used for the transport of dangerous goods
1.1 Prohibition	Fridays, Sundays, public holidays and the eve of public holidays from 18h00 to 21h00
1.1.1 Roads concerned	EN 6: between Lisboa and Cascais EN 10: between Infantado and Vila Franca de Xira EN 14: between Maia and Braga IC 1: between Coimbrões and Miramar EN 209: between Porto and Gondomar EN 1: between Carvalhos and Vila Nova de Gaia (Santo Ovídio) EN 101: between Braga and Vila Verde IC 4 (EN 125): between São João da Venda and Faro EN 125: between Faro and Olhão
2. Vehicles concerned	Vehicles of over 3.5t used for the transport of dangerous goods
2.1 Prohibition	Mondays from 07h00 to 10h00, except during the months of July and August, on the access roads leading into Lisbon and Porto
2.1.1 Roads concerned	A1: between Alverca and Lisboa A5: between the connection to CREL and Lisboa A8: between Loures and Lisboa IC 19: between the intersection of CREL and Lisboa (Damaia) EN 6: between Cascais and Lisboa EN 10: between Vila Franca de Xira and Alverca IC 22: connection of the A 9 to Odivelas A 3: between the connection of IC24 and Porto A 28: between the bridge of Arrábida and A 4 A 4: between the junction with the A3 and Matosinhos EN 13: between Moreira and Porto EN 209: between Gondomar and Porto EN 222 (ER): between Avintes and Porto A 20: between the Bridge of Freixo and A 3
3. Vehicles concerned	Tanker truck of over 3.5t used for the transport of dangerous goods
3.1 Prohibition	Sundays and public holidays, from 00h00 to 24h00 (these driving ban, do not apply to national holidays that occur on a Saturday or a Monday).  (to vehicles affected by this driving bans, the driving bans mentioned in points 1.1 and 2.1 also apply to them).
3.1.1 Roads concerned	All territory
4. Vehicles concerned	vehicles of over 3.5t used for the transport of dangerous goods
4.1 Prohibition	every day, including Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, from 05h00 to 02h00 on the following day (circulation only permitted between 2h01 to 4h59)
4.1.1 Road concerned	25 April Bridge

5. Vehicles concerned	vehicles of over 3.5t used for the transport of dangerous goods
5.1 Prohibition	throughout the year (no derogation will be granted)
5.1.1 Road concerned	Tunnel traffic is restricted according to the respective tunnel category to which they are affected in accordance with Section 1.9.5 of Annex I of the ADR Regulation.
	Remains in force - Gardunha tunnel prohibition (A23 - highway): · Gardunha Tunnels, southbound, exit Fundão Sul (km 158.1) · Gardunha Tunnels, northbound, exit Castelo Novo (km 148.8) NB: compulsory exit is signposted 1500m before the slip road
6. Exceptions	Applied to the prohibitions/road mentioned on the points 1, 2 and 3  - dangerous goods destined for public or private health units;  - dangerous goods destined for the armed forces or the police;  - fuel transport for the supply of airports or sea ports;  - fuels transport for the supply of Air Resources Centers and Logistic Support Bases assigned to the National Emergency and Civil Protection Authority;  - dangerous goods coming from or destined to refineries and ships;  - liquefied natural gas for the supply of autonomous gas units (UAGNL);  - strategic reserves in the event of an energy crisis, in the terms of the national decree Law 165/2013 of 16 December.  The vehicles referred in points 1, 2 e 3 are also exempted:  - In the three days prior to the start of a strike that affects the distribution of fuel and during the entire duration of the strike until its conclusion and including the time necessary to restore normality, determined by order of the Government member responsible for the transition area energy;  - During the period in which the alert, contingency or calamity situations are in force, declared under the terms of the Basic Civil Protection Law, approved by Law No. 27/2006, of July 3, in its current wording;  - During the period in which the situation of energy crisis declared under the terms of article 3 of Decree-Law No. 114/2001, of 7 April, in its current wording,
7. Special authorizations	The President of the IMT, I.P. may grant special circulation permits for vehicles:
	- That carry out loading or unloading during the periods provided in points 2.1.1 and 3, provided that the facilities where the loading or unloading takes place are served only by a road subject to driving bans and that the use of this road allows direct access to another route not subject to driving bans;
	- Transporting of dangerous goods that are essential for the continuous operation of production units or for the satisfaction of exceptional needs for limited periods;
	- When their displacement is indispensable and urgent, given reasons of public interest that it is important to safeguard.
	For the purposes of the preceding paragraph, the IMT, IP, may request an opinion from the competent official entities on the indispensability and urgency of transport.
	For the purpose of preparing the authorization request, the entity interested in receiving the dangerous goods or with facilities exclusively served by routes subject to restrictions, must submit a reasoned request, which states:
	a) The exceptional circumstances underlying the request;

- b) The supplier and the shipper of the goods;
- c) The place of loading and unloading of the goods;
- d) In the case provided in point 4.1, first indent, the identification of the vehicles to be used and the indication of the days and hours foreseen for circulation;
- e) The identification of the goods to be transported, mentioning the UN identification number and the official transport name.

The IMT, IP, publishes on its website information on the terms and the way in which authorization requests must be formulated.

The model of the special circulation permit, as well as the documents that accompany it and which, if requested, must be presented to the road inspection authorities, are approved by deliberation of the board of directors of IMT, IP.

In case of emergency, the vehicle may circulate without the authorization granted by the IMT, IP, provided that:

- a) The authorization request has been entered at the IMT, IP, before the transport is carried out;
- b) The territorially competent security force at the place of commencement of the transport has declared, in writing, that it does not object to the transport being carried out.

## 8. National Holidays

# National public holidays 2025

1 january: New Year's Day

4 march: Carnival (not compulsory \*)

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## Major regional public holidays 2025

13 June: Lisboa 24 June: Porto 29 June: Évora

# 9. Source

ANTRAM, December, 2024

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# Local traffic restrictions (for all kind of goods)

#### Lisbon

The loading or unloading of goods vehicles of less than 19t total weight is allowed between 20h00 and 8h00 (labour days) if duly authorised.

Outside these hours or other kind of vehicles, check with the customer about the local to park the vehicle in order to procedee with the load/unload of the goods.

The area concerned is signposted accordingly.

In pedestrian precincts throughout the city, loading and unloading are prohibited. However if needed, check with the customer in how to do.

#### **Porto**

The transit, loading or unloading of HGVs is forbidden in Porto between 8h00 to 10h00 and from 17h00 to 19h30. All of the forbidden streets to HGV are sinalizated in the spot.

#### Other cities

Other cities have local driving restrictions. Restricted areas are signposted.

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