

Driving restrictions

Portugal- Goods transport

Here we have gathered information on HGV restrictions and restrictions related to public holidays.

Information provided by:



Driving restrictions

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

No

Vehicle(s) concerned

Period

Location

Exception



Vehicles transporting dangerous goods

01/01

to

31/12

Fridays

Sundays

Public holidays

Eve of public holidays

from 18h00 to 21h00 (see note (*) below in additional information)

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

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...



Vehicles transporting dangerous goods

01/01

to

31/12

Mondays

From 07h00 to 10h00

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...

Direction

Both directions

Except during the months of July and August, on the access roads leading into Lisbon and Porto. 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...



Tanker truck of over 3.5t used for the transport of dangerous goods

01/01

to

31/12

Sundays

Public holidays

From 00h00 to 24h00

notes:

- **these driving ban, do not apply to national holidays that occur on a Saturday or a Monday.**
- **also see note (**) below in the section "additional information"**

Nationwide

Section

All

Direction

Both directions

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Vehicles transporting dangerous goods

01/01

to

31/12

Every day

From 05:00 to 02:00 on the following day (circulation only permitted between 2:01 to 4:59)

25 April Bridge

Section

All

Direction

Both directions

None



Vehicles transporting dangerous goods

01/01

to

31/12

Every day

All day

Tunnel traffic (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.)

Section

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

Direction

Both directions

None



Goods vehicles

01/01

to

31/12

Every day

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 proceed with the load/unload of the goods.

Section

In the area signposted accordingly

The prohibition does not apply to the following vehicles: public transport vehicles; the fire brigade; vehicles of the armed forces and the police force; government vehicles; municipal vehicles; post office vehicles; emergency or first aid vehicles; vehicles transporting either livestock or other goods, provided they have authorization.



Goods road motor vehicles

01/01

to

31/12

Every day

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 signalled in the spot.

Section

The limits of the zone concerned by this prohibition are the following : the inner ring road, from Ponte da Arrábida to Bessa Leite, Rua de António Bessa Leite, Rua de Pedro Hispano, Rua da Constituição, Rua Cinco de Outubro, Rua Domingos Sequeira, Rua Quinta Amarela, Rua Egas Moniz, Rua Damiao de Gois, Rua Joao Pedro Ribeiro, Praça Marques de Pombal, Rua Latino Coelho, Praça Rainha D. Amélia, Rua Nova de S. Crispim, Av. Fernao de Magalhaes, Campo 24 de Agosto, Rua Duque de Saldanha, Largo Padre Baltazar Guedes, Av. Gustavo Eiffel, Tunel da Ribeira, Rua do Infante D. Henrique, Rua Nova da Alfandega, Rua de Monchique, Cais das Pedras, Alameda Basilio Teles, Cais do Bicalho and Rua do Ouro.

Direction

Both directions

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Additional information

The President of the IMT, I.P. may grant special circulation permits for vehicles:

- (* and **) That carry out loading or unloading during the periods provided in points, 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 the first paragraph, 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.

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Annual public holidays

17 Feb
2026

Carnival (not compulsory)
Note: Despite being a non-mandatory holiday in general, for the national goods transport sector it is a mandatory holiday through the national collective labor contract. However, this day is not considered for the purpose of driving bans.

All country

3 Apr
2026

Good Friday

All country

5 Apr
2026

Easter Sunday

All country

25 Apr
2026

Liberation Day

All country

1 May
2026

Labour day

All country

4 Jun
2026

Corpus Christi

All country

10 Jun
2026

National Day

All country

15 Aug
2026

Assumption

All country

5 Oct
2026

**Establishment of
the Republic**

All country

1 Nov
2026

All Saint's Day

All country

1 Dec
2026

**Independence
Day**

All country

8 Dec
2026

**Immaculate
Conception**

All country

25 Dec
2026

Christmas Day

All country

1 Jan
2027

New Year

All country

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Major regional public holidays 2025:

13 June: Lisboa

24 June: Porto

29 June: Evora

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