

Driving restrictions

Spain- 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?

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 Navarra, the Basque country and in Catalonia, local authorities are in charge of editing the rules. Detailed information for Navarra and the Basque country are also available below. Update for Catalonia for 2025 are not published yet.

Vehicle(s) concerned	Period	Location	Exception
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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, 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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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.



Special transport vehicles and special vehicles



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/

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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

throughout the Basque Autonomous Community

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

document attached below.



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

Direction

Both directions

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.

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Vehicles transporting dangerous goods

01/01

to

31/12

Sundays

Public holidays

Eve of public holidays

On specific dates

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

On Wednesdays and Thursdays, eves of public holidays from 16:00 to 24:00

In addition, on 20 April, 1 July and 1 August.

On all roads of Navarra

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

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Annual public holidays

28 Feb
2025

Andalusia Day

Andalusia

1 Mar
2025

Balearic Day

Balearic Islands

19 Mar
2025

St Joseph's Day

Valencia, Murcia

31 Mar
2025

Eid Fitr

Melilla

17 Apr
2025

Holy Thursday

Andalusia, Aragon, Asturias, Balearic Islands, Canary Islands, Cantabria, Castile La Mancha, Castile and Leon, Extremadura, Galicia, Madrid, Murcia, Navarre, Basque country, La Rioja, Ceuta, Melilla

18 Apr
2025

Good Friday

All country

21 Apr
2025

Easter Monday

Catalonia, Navarre, Basque country, La Rioja, Valencia

23 Apr
2025

**St George's
Day/Aragon Day
and Castile and
Leon Day**

Aragon, Castile and Leon

1 May
2025

Labour Day

All country

2 May
2025

**Community
Festival of
Madrid**

Madrid

17 May
2025

**Galician
Literature Day**

Galicia

30 May
2025

**Canary Islands'
day**

Canary Islands

31 May
2025

**Castile La
Mancha Day**

Castile La Mancha

6 Jun
2025

Eid al-Adha

Ceuta, Melilla

9 Jun
2025

**La Rioja Day
and Murcia Day**

La Rioja, Murcia

19 Jun
2025

Corpus Christi

Castile La Mancha

24 Jun
2025

**Feat of St John
the Baptist**

Catalonia, Valencia

25 Jul
2025

**James the
Great day and
Galicia National
Day**

Galicia, Madrid, Navarre, Basque country

28 Jul
2025

**Day of
Cantabria's
institutions**

Cantabria

5 Aug
2025

Virgin of Africa

Ceuta

15 Aug
2025

Assumption

All country

8 Sep
2025

**Asturias Day
and
Extremadura
Day**

Asturias, Extremadura

11 Sep
2025

**Catalonia
National Day**

Catalonia

15 Sep
2025

**La Bien
Aparecida**

Cantabria

9 Oct
2025

Valencia Day

Valencia

13 Oct
2025

**Monday
following the
National Day**

Andalucia, Aragon, Asturias, Castile la Mancha,
Extremadura

1 Nov
2025

All Saint's Day

All country

6 Dec
2025

**Constitution
Day**

All country

8 Dec
2025

**Immaculate
Conception**

All country

25 Dec
2025

Christmas

All country

26 Dec
2025

**Saint Stephen's
Day**

Balearic Islands, Catalonia

1 Jan
2026

New Year's Day

All country

6 Jan
2026

Epiphany

All country

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