



# Driving restrictions

## Switzerland- Goods transport

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

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Schweizerischer Nutzfahrzeugverband  
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Associazione svizzera dei trasportatori stradali

# Driving restrictions

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

**Yes**

Motor vehicles used for the transport of passengers, agricultural vehicles and caravans are excluded from these restrictions.

Vehicle(s) concerned

Period

Location

Exception



Heavy motor vehicles with a maximum authorised weight of more than 3,5 t



Articulated vehicles when the authorised weight of the combination vehicle exceeds 5t



Vehicles with a trailer whose authorised total weight exceeds 5 t



Industrial tractors and motor vehicles

**01/01/2023**

to

**31/12/2023**

**At night**

**From 22h00 to 5h00**

Troughout Switzerland

## **Section**

All

## **Direction**

Both directions

None



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Industrial tractors and motor vehicles

**01/01**

to

**31/12**

**Sundays  
Public holidays**

**From 00h00 to 24h00**

Troughout Switzerland

**Section**

All

**Direction**

Both directions

None

**Exceptions**

Derogations covering the whole of Switzerland may be issued by the authorities of the border canton in which the journey subject to authorisation begins. Requests from abroad, duly completed, may also be sent at least seven working days before the beginning of the transport to the Federal Roads Office (see details in the document attached).

**Additional information**

Note that the night driving bans also apply on the eve of public holidays and the following day (example: driving is also forbidden from 31 December 2020 at 22h00 to 2 January at 5h00).

In case of dangerous goods transport, certain restrictions apply to the use of tunnels.

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# Annual public holidays

1 Jan 2023	<b>New Year</b>	All country
7 Apr 2023	<b>Good Friday</b>	
10 Apr 2023	<b>Easter Monday</b>	
18 May 2023	<b>Ascension Day</b>	All country
29 May 2023	<b>Whit Monday</b>	
1 Aug 2023	<b>National Day</b>	All country
25 Dec 2023	<b>Christmas</b>	All country
26 Dec 2023	<b>Boxing Day</b>	

If any of the above-mentioned dates is not a holiday in one of the cantons or part of a canton, there is no prohibition in that canton. But cantons are allowed to signal (e.g. Valais and Ticino) restrictions by instructions.

The cantonal prohibitions for public holidays do not apply to traffic in transit.

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## Driving restrictions for heavy vehicles in 2023 - Switzerland

### Vehicles concerned

Heavy motor vehicles with a maximum authorised weight of more than 3,5 t; articulated vehicles when the authorised weight of the combination vehicle exceeds 5t; vehicles with a trailer whose authorised total weight exceeds 5 t; industrial tractors and motor vehicles. (Motor vehicles used for the transport of passengers, agricultural vehicles and caravans are excluded from these restrictions.)

**Area:** throughout Switzerland

**Prohibitions:** Sundays and public holidays from 00h00 to 24h00  
at night from 22h00 to 05h00

### Public holidays:

1 January	New Year
7 April	Good Friday
10 April	Easter Monday
18 May	Ascension Day
29 May	Whit Monday
1 August	National Day
25 December	Christmas
26 December	Boxing Day

If any of the above-mentioned dates is not a holiday in one of the cantons or part of a canton, there is no prohibition in that canton. But cantons are allowed to signal (e.g. Valais and Ticino) restrictions by instructions.

The cantonal prohibitions for public holidays do not apply to traffic in transit.

### Driving is also forbidden:

from 31 December 2022	at 22h00	to 2 January 2023	at 05h00
from 6 April	at 22h00	to 8 April	at 05h00
from 8 April	at 22h00	to 11 April	at 05h00
from 17 May	at 22h00	to 19 May	at 05h00
from 27 May	at 22h00	to 30 May	at 05h00
from 31 July	at 22h00	to 2 August	at 05h00
from 23 December	at 22h00	to 26 December	at 05h00

In case of dangerous goods transport, certain restrictions apply to the use of tunnels.

## Derogations

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