

Driving restrictions

Switzerland- 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
 Heavy motor vehicles with a maximum authorised weight of more than 3,5 t	01/01 to 31/12 At night From 22h00 to 5h00		 Articulated vehicles when the authorised weight of the combination vehicle exceeds 5t
 Vehicles with a trailer whose authorised total weight exceeds 3.5 t			 Industrial tractors and motor vehicles

Troughout Switzerland

Section

All

Direction

Both directions

See general exceptions below



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 3.5t



Industrial tractors and motor vehicles

01/01

to

31/12

**Sundays
Public holidays**

From 00h00 to 24h00

Throughout Switzerland- might be subject to local specific cases (see document below for regional exceptions)

Section

All

Direction

Both directions

See general exceptions below

Exceptions

The following are not subject to the ban on driving on Sundays and at night:

- a. motor vehicles used for the transport of people
- b. agricultural and forestry vehicles
- c. vehicles that tow a semi-trailer whose body serves as a dwelling
- d. trips carried out by vehicles of the fire service, civil protection, health service, police and army, and those aimed at providing relief in the event of a disaster
- e. industrial tractors, motorised trolleys and work trolleys, as well as their trailers, when these vehicles are used exclusively for agricultural and forestry work during the hours when traffic is prohibited
- f. journeys that Swiss Post Ltd and the companies of the Swiss Post Group referred to in Art. 1, letter e, of the Ordinance of 29 August 2012 on Postal Services (OPO) 382 carry out in order to fulfil the obligation of Swiss Post Ltd to provide postal services falling within the universal service (Art. 13 of the Act of 17 December 2010 on Postal Services 383)
- g. the transport of foodstuffs (art. 4 of the law of 20 June 2014 on foodstuffs, LDAI 385) which are not frozen, nor heated to ultra-high temperature, nor sterilized, and whose consumption period is limited to 30 days maximum
- h. the transport of slaughter animals and sport horses
- i. the transport of cut flowers
- j. the transport of daily newspapers including an editorial part and trips incurred for television news reports
- k. races with tracked vehicles intended to prepare tracks
- l. vehicles whose bodywork serves as a room specially designed for blood donations
- m. heavy motor vehicles with a total weight not exceeding 4250 kg, if they have a non-polluting propulsion system (Art. 9 a, para. 2, OETV 389) and the excess weight in relation to the 3500 kg limit is attributable solely to the excess weight induced by the non-polluting propulsion system
- n. articulated vehicles for which the permissible overall weight (art. 7, para. 6, OETV) does not exceed 5750 kg, if they have non-polluting propulsion (art. 9 a, para. 2, OETV) and the excess weight in relation to the 5000 kg limit is attributable solely to the excess weight induced by the non-polluting propulsion system.

2. Also not subject to the ban on driving on Sundays and at night are journeys made to provide assistance in the event of an accident, vehicle breakdown or operational incident, particularly in public transport companies and in air traffic, and winter service intervention journeys.

2bis Veteran vehicles recognised as such according to the entry in the circulation permit are not subject to the ban on circulation on Sundays.

3 For the journeys referred to in letters f to j, a quarter of the vehicle's loading volume may be occupied by other goods. An empty journey of up to 30 minutes may precede or follow the transport. For longer empty journeys, an authorisation is required.

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

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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 2024 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

18 Apr
2025

Good Friday

21 Apr
2025

Easter Monday

29 May
2025

Ascension Day

9 Jun
2025

Whit Monday

1 Aug
2025

National Day

25 Dec
2025

Christmas

26 Dec
2025

**St Stephen's
Day**

1 Jan
2026

New Year

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. Cantons are allowed to signal (e.g. Valais and Ticino) restrictions by instructions.

Specific cantonal public holidays also apply. Prohibitions for public holidays do not apply to traffic in transit.

Details of the national and regional public holidays are available in the document attached above.

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Driving restrictions for heavy vehicles in 2025 - 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
18 April	Good Friday
21 April	Easter Monday
29 May	Ascension Day
9 June	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.

This results in the following driving bans around the holidays:

from 31 December 2024	at 22h00	to 2 January 2025	at 05h00
from 17 April	at 22h00	to 19 April	at 05h00
from 19 April	at 22h00	to 22 April	at 05h00
from 28 May	at 22h00	to 30 May	at 05h00
from 8 June	at 22h00	to 10 June	at 05h00
from 31 July	at 22h00	to 2 August	at 05h00
from 24 December	at 22h00	to 27 December	at 05h00

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Derogations

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Interdiction de circuler pour les poids lourds pendant les jours fériés cantonaux et nationaux 2025

Jours fériés cantonaux	ZH	AG	BE	FR	SO	SH	SG	SZ	GR	BS	NW	UR	BL	OW	GL	TG	VD	JU	NE	TI	VS	
(Interdiction de circuler non/partiellement/joui)																						
Saint Berchtold (02.01.)																						
Sechseläuten (28.04.)	1)																					
Fête du travail (01.05.)																						
Knabenschiessen (15.09.)	1)																					
Fête du Corpus (19.06.)																						
Assomption de la Vierge (15.08.)																						
Toussaint (01.11.)																						
Immaculée conception (08.12.)																						
Saint-Joseph (19.03.)																						
Jeudi gras (27.02.)																						
Lundi de carnaval (03.03.)																						
Mardi de carnaval (11.03.)																						
Fête des rois (06.01.)																						
Frère Nicolas (25.09.)																						
Procession de Näfels (03.04.)																						
Journée de l'indépendance du Jura (23.06.)																						
Fondation de la République de Neuchâtel (01.03.)																						
Saint Pierre et Paul (29.06.)																						

Pas d'interdiction de circuler pendant les jours fériés cantonaux!

Légende

Pas d'interdiction de circuler
Transit à travers le canton autorisé. Course à vide vers/à partir de la localité/domicile autorisée. Charger/Décharger dans la zone du canton interdits.
Interdiction générale de circuler dans la zone du canton

Remarque

1) Charger/Décharger autorisés dans l'agglomération du canton de Zurich
2) Dès 12.00 heures
3) A l'extérieur de Bucheggberg
4) Jour de fête dans des communes distinctes
5) Autorisé pour autant de ne pas perturber la tranquillité et qu'un jour férié s'ensuive
6) Charger/Décharger autorisés si le travail est effectué pour les entreprises cantonales ou par elles-mêmes à la condition qu'elles aient le droit de travailler
7) Transit autorisé que sur l'autoroute
8) Il s'agit seulement d'un jour férié si Noël ou le 1er janvier tombent un dimanche
9) Postes douaniers fermés

Jours fériés nationaux	ZH	AG	BE	FR	SO	SH	SG	SZ	GR	BS	NW	UR	BL	OW	GL	TG	VD	JU	NE	TI	VS	
(Interdiction de circuler non/partiellement/joui)																						
Nouvel An (01.01.)																						
Vendredi Saint (18.04.)																						
Lundi de Pâques (21.04.)																						
Ascension (29.05.)																						
Lundi de Pentecôte (09.06.)																						
Fête nationale suisse (01.08.)																						
Noël (25.12.)																						
Saint Etienne (26.12.)																						

Source:

Sondage de l'ASTAG auprès des polices cantonales. 21 cantons sur 26 ont répondu.