

Driving restrictions, goods transport France

Art.1 General restrictions

Vehicles concerned	trucks and combination vehicles with a maximum permitted weight of over 7.5t, with the exception of special vehicles and agricultural vehicles and material
Area	throughout the road and motorway network
Prohibition	from 22h00 on Saturdays and the eve of public holidays, until 22h00 on Sundays and public holidays

Art.2 Additional restrictions

a. During the summer period

Vehicles concerned	trucks and combination vehicles with a maximum authorised weight of over 7.5t, with the exception of special vehicles and agricultural vehicles and material
Area	throughout the road and motorway network
Prohibition	on Saturdays 11, 18 and 25 July and 1 and 8 August 2009 from 07h00 to 19h00, then from 00h00 to 22h00 on Sunday (<i>NB: driving authorised on these Saturdays from 19h00 to 24h00</i>)
Derogations	Permanent derogations apply (see below)

b. During the winter period

Vehicles concerned	trucks and combination vehicles with a maximum authorised weight of over 7.5t, with the exception of special vehicles and agricultural vehicles and material
Prohibition	on Saturdays 14, 21 and 28 February and 7 March 2009 from 07h00 to 18h00 and from 22h00 to 22h00 on Sunday (<i>NB: driving authorised on these Saturdays from 18h00 to 22h00</i>)

Additional driving bans may be enforced on Saturday 7 February owing to the World Skiing Championship in Val d'Isère

Area on the following routes (in both directions unless otherwise indicated):

Bourg-en-Bresse - Chamonix

A40	from Pont d'Ain (junction A40/A42) to Passy-le-Fayet (junction A40/RD1205)
RD1084	from Pont d'Ain (junction RD1084/RD1075) to Bellegarde
RD1206	from Bellegarde to Annemasse
RD1205	from Annemasse to Passy-le-Fayet
RN205	from Passy-Le-Fayet to Chamonix

Lyon - Chambéry - Tarentaise - Maurienne

A43	from the A46 south/A43 interchange to the A43/A432 interchange in the direction Lyon-Chambéry
A43	from the A43/A432 interchange to the Fréjus Tunnel
A430	from Pont Royal (junction A43/A430) to Gilly-sur-Isère (junction A430/RN90)
RD1090	from Pont-Royal to Gilly-sur-Isère (junction A430/RN90)

RN90 from Gilly-sur-Isère (junction A430/RN90) to Bourg-Saint-Maurice
RD1090 from Bourg-Saint-Maurice to Séez
RD306 (Rhône) and RD1006 (Isère and Savoie) from Saint-Bonnet-de-Mure to Freney
RN201 transit of Chambéry (VRU - urban rapid transit route)

Lyon - Grenoble - Briançon

A48 from Coiranne (junction A48/A43) to St Egrève (junction A48/A480)
A480 from St Egrève (junction A480/A48) to Pont-de-Claix (junction A480/RN85)
RN85 from Pont-de-Claix (junction RN85/A480) to Vizille (junction RN85/RD1091)
RD1091 from Vizille (junction RD1091/RN85) to Briançon

Bellegarde and St Julien-en-Genevois - Annecy – Albertville

A41 north from St Julien-en-Genevois (A40/A41 north junction) to Cruseilles (A410/A41 north junction)
RD1201 from St Julien-en-Genevois to Annecy
RD1508 from Bellegarde to Annecy
RD3508 Annecy bypass
RD1508 from Annecy to Ugine
RD1212 from Ugine to Albertville

Chambéry - Annecy – Scientrier

A410 from Scientrier (A410/A40 junction) to Cruseilles (A410/A41 north junction)
A41 north from Cruseilles (A410/A41 north junction) to the junction with the A43 at Chambéry
RD1201 between Chambéry and Annecy
RD1203 between Annecy and Bonneville

Grenoble - Chambéry

A41 south between Grenoble and the A43 (Francin interchange) at Montmélian northbound
RD1090 between Montmélian (73) and Pontcharra (38)

Derogations

Permanent derogations apply (see below)

Art.3 Provisions applicable to certain motorway sections in the Ile-de-France region

Vehicles trucks and combination vehicles with a maximum authorised weight of over 7.5t, with the exception of special vehicles and agricultural vehicles and material

Area the following sections of the Ile-de-France motorway network

- A6a, A6b from the Boulevard Périphérique in Paris to their junction with the A6 and A10 (commune of Wissous)
- A106 from its junction with the A6b to Orly airport
- A6 from its junction with the A6a and A6b to its junction with the RN104-East (commune of Lisses)
- A10 from its junctions with the A6a and A6b to the RN20 (commune of Champlan)
- A13 from the Boulevard Périphérique in Paris to the Poissy-Orgeval interchange (commune of Orgeval)
- A12 from its junction with the A13 (Rocquencourt triangle) to the RN10 (commune of Montigny-le-Bretonneux)

Prohibition

outwards from Paris
- on Fridays from 16h00 to 21h00

- on the eve of a public holiday from 16h00 to 24h00
- on Saturdays from 10h00 to 18h00 and from 22h00 to 24h00
- on Sundays or public holidays from 00h00 to 24h00

inwards to Paris

- on Saturdays and on the eve of a public holiday from 22h00 to 24h00
- on Sundays or public holidays from 00h00 to 24h00
- on Mondays or the day after a public holiday from 06h00 to 10h00

Art.4 Permanent derogations

Permanent derogations, which are not subject to special authorisation, are granted for the following transport operations:

1. vehicles transporting, to the exclusion of all else, live animals or perishable goods or foodstuffs, provided that the quantity of goods constitutes at least half of the truck's payload or occupies at least half of the loading surface or volume of the vehicle. In the case of multiple deliveries, these minimum loading conditions no longer apply beyond the first point of delivery provided that further deliveries occur within a zone restricted to the region of origin of the first delivery point and the neighbouring departments or the region of origin of the first delivery point and adjacent regions within a distance of 150 kilometres.

The vehicles concerned are not subject to minimum load conditions and may travel empty if their movements consist of loading operations restricted to a zone consisting of the region of origin and its neighbouring departments or the region of origin and adjacent regions within a distance of 150 kilometres.

Vehicles transporting racehorses are not subject to minimum load conditions.

Vehicles which have been used to transport homing pigeons are authorised to travel empty throughout the road network.

Are considered perishable goods and products : eggs; live fish, crustaceans and shellfish; foodstuffs requiring refrigeration; frozen and deep-frozen foodstuffs, in particular meat products, seafood, milk and dairy products, egg-based products, yeast and vegetable products including refrigerated fruit juices and ready-to-use chopped raw vegetables; all foodstuffs which must be kept warm; fresh fruit and vegetables, including potatoes, onions and garlic; cut flowers, and potted plants and flowers; honey; animal carcasses.

- 2a. Vehicles engaged in the seasonal collection and transport of agricultural produce from the place of harvesting to the place of storage, processing, packaging or transformation, within an area made up of the region of origin and the neighbouring departments or the region of origin and adjacent regions within a distance of 150 kilometres.
- 2b. Vehicles engaged in the seasonal transport of beet pulp from the processing plant to the place of storage or use. These vehicles may not use the motorway network.
- 3a. Vehicles whose load is indispensable for the installation of economic, sporting, cultural, educational or political events which have been duly authorised, on condition that the said event is to take place on the same day or, at the latest, on the day following the transport.
- 3b. Vehicles transporting fireworks, the use of which has been duly authorised for the same day or the following day.
- 3c. Vehicles transporting hydrocarbon gas mixture, liquefied, NOS, UN1965, or petroleum products, UN 1202, 1203, 1223, necessary for duly authorised sporting competitions, on condition that the event justifying the transport operation is to be held on the same day as or, at the latest, the day after the transport operation.
4. Vehicles transporting newspapers and magazines only.
5. Vehicles carrying out office or factory removals in an urban area.
6. Vehicles specially equipped for the itinerant sale of the goods transported, within an area

made up of the region of origin and the neighbouring departments or the region of origin and adjacent regions within a distance of 150 kilometres.

7. Vehicles belonging to tradesmen and which are used for the sale of their produce at fairs or markets within an area made up of the region of origin and the neighbouring departments or of the region of origin and adjacent regions within a distance of 150 kilometres.
8. Vehicles used for the transport of air freight, under cover of an air waybill.
9. Vehicles used for the transport of hospital waste or goods necessary for the operation of medical establishments.
10. Vehicles transporting medical gases.
11. Vehicles transporting industrial gamma radiography equipment.

For all vehicles benefiting from a permanent derogation, empty return is authorised within a zone restricted to the region of the last delivery point and the neighbouring departments or the region of the last delivery point and adjacent regions within a distance of 150 kilometres.

The vehicles mentioned under points 3, 6 and 7 may travel laden at the end of the event or the sale, within a zone restricted to the region of the place where the event or sale took place and its neighbouring departments or the region of the place where the event or sale took place and adjacent regions within a distance of 150 kilometres.

Unless other provisions apply, for the purposes of implementation of the provisions of this article, the region of origin is the region of departure of the vehicle (or of entry into France) for the transport operation concerned.

Art.5 Short-term derogations

Derogations to the driving restrictions laid down in articles 1 and 2 above, so-called short-term prefectural derogations, may be granted for

1. vehicles performing a transport operation considered as indispensable and urgent, namely those engaged in a goods transport operation to meet the needs caused by exceptional circumstances such as drought, flooding, or natural or humanitarian catastrophe;
2. vehicles engaged in waste transport for the clearing of rubbish dumps or slaughterhouses;
3. vehicles used to supply clean laundry to and remove dirty laundry from hotel complexes of a combined capacity of 1000 rooms and more;
4. tanker vehicles used for the supply of
 - service stations situated along motorways;
 - airports with aviation fuel.
5. vehicles transporting dangerous goods destined for urgent loading or resulting from urgent unloading in maritime ports.

The corresponding authorisations are issued by the Prefect of the department of departure for a period not exceeding the duration of the prohibition for which the derogations are requested. For transport operations originating outside France, the authorisation is issued by the Prefect of the department of entry into France.

Art.6 Long-term derogations

Derogations to the driving restrictions laid down in articles 1 and 2 above, so-called long-term prefectural derogations, may be granted for

1. vehicles necessary to ensure the round-the-clock operation of certain production services or units. If dangerous goods transport is involved, these authorisations can only be issued subject to the approval of the interministerial committee on the transport of dangerous goods.

2. vehicles contributing to the provision of public services or emergency services to meet immediate collective needs.

Authorisations for the transport operations indicated in point 1 are issued by the Prefect of the department of loading (or of entry into France) subject to the approval of the Prefect of the department of destination (or of exit from France).

Authorisations for the transport operations indicated in point 2 are issued by the Prefect of the department of departure.

Long-term authorisations are issued for a maximum of one year.

Art.7 Lifting of restrictions - border zones

In order to mitigate the consequences of the lack of harmonisation of traffic bans with those of neighbouring states, the Prefects of border departments have the possibility of granting derogations to the driving restrictions foreseen in articles 1 and 2 above.

Art.8 Lifting of restrictions - exceptional circumstances

In the case of exceptional circumstances, if the vehicles mentioned in article 1 have been immobilised during the 12 hours preceding the beginning of a period of restriction foreseen in articles 1, 2 or 3 above, the departmental Prefects may, in coordination with the Prefects of the neighbouring departments, authorise them to travel during all or part of the period of restriction within a specific zone.

Art.9 Conditions of use of derogations

For any vehicle granted a permanent derogation or a short or long-term individual prefectural derogation, the person in charge of the vehicle must be able to prove to the officers responsible for road traffic checks that the transport operation complies with the provisions of the derogation concerned.

The authorisation must be kept on board the vehicle. For it to be valid, it must be completed by the holder prior to the vehicle's departure, indicating the date of the transport operation and the vehicle's registration number.

An authorisation may be withdrawn by the issuing authority if the holder does not observe its terms of use or has provided erroneous information in order to obtain it.

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Public holidays, 2009	1 January	New Year's Day
	13 April	Easter Monday
	1 May	Labour Day
	8 May	Armistice 1945
	21 May	Ascension
	1 June	<i>Whit Monday</i> *
	14 July	Bastille Day
	15 August	Assumption
	1 November	All Saints' Day
	11 November	Armistice 1918
	25 December	Christmas Day

* In spite of the law concerning the "day of solidarity" (working day), according to the terms of the Code of Work Whit Monday is a national public holiday. Driving restrictions will therefore be in force on this day.

REGULATION ON THE DELIVERY AND LOADING OF GOODS - PARIS

This regulation on the delivery and loading of goods applies to professional transport operators carrying out a delivery and/or loading goods in Paris; companies transporting, delivering or loading goods in the framework of their activity; persons occasionally transferring goods.

Vehicles concerned vehicles with a surface of less than 29m² and propelled by an electric, gas or hybrid engine or which meet the Euro 3 standard (until 31 December 2008), Euro 4 standard (from 1 January 2009) or Euro 5 standard (from 1 January 2010)

Deliveries authorised 24h a day

Vehicles concerned vehicles with a surface of less than 29m²

Deliveries authorised from 22h00 to 17h00

Vehicles concerned vehicles with a surface of 43m² or less

Deliveries authorised from 22h00 to 07h00

Permanent derogation for vehicles used for the following functions:

- security vans
- supply of markets
- deliveries of flour
- tankers
- car transporters
- vehicles transporting materials to or from building sites
- road maintenance vehicles
- refuse collection
- removals

Notes:

- Stopping in Parisian delivery zones is limited to 30 minutes.
- Use of the "Goods Delivery" (*Livraison Marchandises*) disk is compulsory to indicate time of arrival and type of engine. Disks are available from the City of Paris authorities, professional associations, the Chamber of Commerce and police stations. The disk must be displayed visibly behind the windscreen.
- On dedicated bus lanes, delivery zones are for limited stops and not for parking. They are exclusively reserved for the loading and unloading of goods by professionals using goods vehicles.
- Further information may be obtained from the Mairie de Paris, Direction de la voirie et des déplacements, Section stationnement, 15 bd Carnot, 75012 Paris. Tel: (+33) 144 67 28 00.
- This regulation applies to Paris, unless otherwise provided for in a specific regulation.

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