

## Driving restrictions, goods transport Poland

### **General restrictions**

<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	goods vehicles with an MPW of over 12t
<i>Area</i>	nationwide
<i>Prohibition</i>	from 18h00 to 22h00 on the eve of those public holidays listed below as points <b>b</b> to <b>j</b> from 08h00 to 22h00 on all public holidays listed below

### **Additional restrictions**

<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	goods vehicles with an MPW of over 12t
<i>Area</i>	nationwide
<i>Prohibition</i>	from the Friday following 18 June until the Sunday before the beginning of the school year (30 August 2009): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· on Fridays from 18h00 to 22h00</li><li>· on Saturdays from 08h00 to 14h00</li><li>· on Sundays from 08h00 to 22h00</li></ul> (NB: as 15 August is a public holiday, driving restrictions are in force at the times indicated under "General restrictions" above)

### **Exceptions**

1. vehicles belonging to the police, road transport inspectorate, border guard, customs, Polish armed forces, government protection bureau, technical emergency services, fire brigade, chemical emergency service and radiological and contamination protection services;
2. breakdown vehicles;
3. vehicles used in rescue operations;
4. emergency vehicles used in cases of natural disaster;
5. vehicles used for humanitarian aid;
6. vehicles used in the construction or maintenance of roads and bridges;
7. vehicles carrying livestock;
8. vehicles used for the collection of fresh milk, corn or livestock;
9. vehicles transporting liquid fuel, oil products, lubricants, spare parts or fresh water for ships;
10. transport of transmission equipment for radio or TV stations;
11. transport of equipment intended for mass events;
12. vehicles transporting newspapers which constitute a considerable volume of the total cargo or of the available loading space;
13. vehicles used for the carriage of drugs or medicines;
14. vehicles used for the carriage of mail which constitutes a considerable volume of the total cargo or of the available loading space;
15. vehicles whose operation is strictly connected with the necessary maintenance of the production cycle or with providing services to a company working around the clock;
16. vehicles transporting dangerous goods, as covered by separate regulations, in quantities for which the orange plate is required;
17. vehicles carrying perishable goods or foodstuffs\* which constitute a considerable volume of the total cargo or of the available loading space;
18. vehicles used for the carriage of concrete or equipment for pumping concrete;
19. vehicles used for transporting municipal waste;
20. vehicles engaged in the production cycle up to a distance of 50km from their home base;
21. vehicles used in combined transport;

22. slow-moving agricultural vehicles and tractors;
23. vehicles returning from abroad to complete a road transport operation or travelling to the consignee who has his registered office in Poland, provided that the driver has a valid annual toll card for driving on domestic roads;
24. vehicles which entered Poland before the date or time of the restriction and which may travel up to 50 km from the border crossing, and vehicles in the border zone waiting to exit Poland.

*NB:* The exceptions mentioned under points 6 to 21 apply also to empty vehicles travelling to load cargo or on their return journey after unloading on Polish territory.

\* *List of perishable foodstuffs:* meat and edible offal; fish, shellfish, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates; dairy products, in particular yoghurts, kefir, sour cream, milk, cheese, butter and ice-cream; birds' eggs and egg pastes; cut flowers and house-plants; fresh and frozen vegetables, fruit and mushrooms; cereals and agricultural produce for the production of food, fodder and vegetable fats; ground cereals, in particular flour, oats, semolina and corn granules; fat and oil of animal or vegetable origin; food preserves, in particular of meat, poultry, fish, vegetables and fruit; sweets and confectionery; preserves of cereals, flour, starch, milk powder and bakery products; soft drinks; remains and waste from the food industry, ready-made animal feedstuff; sugar beet; potatoes; fresh yeast; cultivation medium for mushrooms.

### **Public holidays 2009**

a.	1 January	New Year's Day
b.	12 April	Easter Sunday
c.	13 April	Easter Monday
d.	1 May	Labour Day
e.	3 May	Constitution Day
f.	31 May	Whit Sunday
g.	11 June	Corpus Christi
h.	15 August	Assumption
i.	1 November	All Saints' Day
j.	11 November	Independence Day
k.	25 December	Christmas Day
l.	26 December	St Stephen's Day

### **Local restrictions**

<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	goods vehicles with an MPW of over 16t
<i>Area</i>	Warsaw
<i>Prohibition</i>	every day from 07h00 to 10h00 and from 16h00 to 20h00
<i>Remarks</i>	The transit of the city of Warsaw by goods vehicles of over 16t (with the exception of traffic serving communities surrounding Warsaw) is forbidden. Transit traffic should divert via roads No. 50, 62 and 60. Vehicles travelling with a C16 identity card on board are exempt from this restriction. This card is delivered to carriers by the consignor. Restrictions are signposted.

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