

Driving restrictions, goods transport Poland

<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 to j from 07h00 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 first Friday after the end of the school year (1 July 2005) to 31 August, except on 15 August : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · on Fridays from 18h00 to 22h00 · on Saturdays from 07h00 to 14h00 · on Sundays from 07h00 to 22h00

Temporary prohibition

<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	goods vehicles with an MPW of over 12t
<i>Prohibition</i>	from 11h00 to 22h00
<i>Remarks</i>	during periods of high temperature which may cause damage to the road surface, these temporary restrictions may be introduced nationwide or locally. The exact dates of the beginning and end of the restrictions will be announced in the media by the General Director of National Roads and Motorways.

Exceptions

- vehicles belonging to the armed forces, police, fire brigade, emergency services, border guard authorities and other authorities specialised in chemical, radiological and contamination protection;
- vehicles used in the construction or maintenance of roads and bridges;
- technical service vehicles used in case of emergency;
- vehicles used in rescue operations;
- emergency vehicles used in cases of natural disaster;
- vehicles carrying perishable goods or foodstuffs *;
- vehicles carrying livestock;
- vehicles used for the collection of fresh milk, corn or livestock;
- vehicles transporting liquid fuel, oil products, lubricants, spare parts or fresh water for ships;
- slow-moving agricultural vehicles and tractors;
- transport of transmission equipment for radio or TV stations;
- transport of equipment intended for mass events;
- vehicles transporting newspapers and magazines;
- empty vehicles following the unloading of perishable foodstuffs and vehicles intended for loading perishable foodstuffs;
- transport of medicines and medical products;
- vehicles carrying postal cargo;
- vehicles engaged in the production cycle up to a distance of 50km from their home base;
- vehicles transporting dangerous goods, as covered by separate regulations, in quantities for which the orange plate is required;

- vehicles used for humanitarian aid;
 - transport of concrete;
 - vehicles used for transporting municipal waste;
 - transport of goods after unloading at a railway station, within a radius of 50km from the railway station;
 - vehicles entering Poland before the date or time of the prohibition may travel up to 25km from the border crossing, and vehicles in the border zone waiting to exit Poland;
 - vehicles engaged in combined transport operations between the point where the goods are loaded and the nearest rail loading station for the initial leg, and between the nearest rail unloading station and the point where the goods are unloaded for the final leg, or within a radius of 150km in the case of a maritime terminal;
 - vehicles returning from abroad on condition that the 6-month or annual road use charge has been paid and the relevant document is on board the vehicle (does not apply in the case of temporary restrictions or to vehicles in transit through Poland).
- * *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, feedstuff 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 2005

a.	1 January	New Year's Day
b.	27 March	Easter Sunday
c.	28 March	Easter Monday
d.	1 May	Labour Day
e.	3 May	Constitution Day
f.	15 May	Whit Sunday
g.	26 May	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

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