

Driving restrictions in Poland

Vehicles concerned:

Vehicles and vehicles weighing more than 12 tons, except buses

Area:

Across whole country

Restrictions:

On the day before public holiday (on the list from point **b to j**) from 18:00 to 22:00;

On the public holiday (on the list below) from 08:00 to 22:00

Summer restrictions: from the 21th of June to the 1st of September 2024

- **18:00 - 22:00 on Fridays,**
- **08:00 - 14:00 on Saturdays,**
- **08:00 - 22:00 on Sundays.**

Because the 15 th of August is the holiday, the general restrictions for holidays apply.

Exceptions

Exceptions for national driving restrictions:

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 used for the transport of loads unloaded from railway wagons up to a distance of 50km from the railway station.
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,
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;
25. vehicles used for free medical examinations.
26. for the transport of coal, coke and other fuels made of coal and firewood, pellets and briquettes.

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, rolled turf (grass) 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.

Annual public holidays 2024

- **a. 1 January** **New Year's Day**
- **b. 31 March** **Easter Sunday**
- **c. 1 April** **Easter Monday**
- **d. 1 May** **Labour Day**
- **e. 3 May** **Constitution Day**
- **f. 19 May** **Whit Sunday**
- **g. 30 May** **Corpus Christi**
- **h. 15 August** **Assumption**
- **i. 1 November** **All Saints' Day**
- **j. 11 November** **Independence Day**
- **k. 25 December** **First Christmas Day**
- **l. 26 December** **Second Christmas Day**

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