



Driving restrictions, goods transport 2012 (Source: IRU International Road Transport Union)

Portugal

Vehicles concerned

vehicles of over 3.5t used for the transport of dangerous goods

Prohibition

every day, including Sundays and public holidays, from 05h00 to 02h00 on the following day

Road concerned

25 April Bridge (Tagus bridge)

Prohibition

throughout the year (no derogation will be granted)

Road concerned

tunnels on the A23 motorway :

- Barracão Tunnel, southbound, exit Guarda Sul (km 210.8)
- Barracão Tunnel, northbound, exit Benespera (km 201.2)
- Ramela Tunnel, southbound, exit Guarda Sul (km 210.8)
- Ramela Tunnel, northbound, exit Benespera (km 201.2)
- Gardunha Tunnels, southbound, exit Fundão Sul (km 158.1)
- Gardunha Tunnels, northbound, exit Castelo Novo (km 148.8)

NB: compulsory exit is signposted 1500m before the slip road

Prohibition

Fridays, Sundays, public holidays and the eve of public holidays from 18h00 to 21h00

Roads concerned

EN6 Lisbon - Cascais
EN10 Infantado - Vila Franca de Xira
EN14 Maia - Braga
EN15 Porto - Campo (A4)
EN105 Porto - Alfena (junction with the IC24)
IC1 Coimbrões - Miramar
EN209 Porto - Gondomar
EN209 (ER) Gondomar - Valongo
IC2 (EN1) Alenquer - Carvalhos
EN13 Porto - Viana do Castelo
EN1 Carvalhos - Vila Nova de Gaia (Santo Ovidio)
EN101 Braga - Vila Verde
EN125 (ER) Lagos - São João da Venda
IC4 (EN125) São João da Venda - Faro
EN125 Faro - Olhão
EN125 (ER) Olhão - Pinheira junction
EN222 Porto - Crestuma/Lever toll barrier
Prohibition

Mondays from 07h00 to 10h00, except during the months of July and August, on the access roads leading into Lisbon and Porto

Roads concerned

A1 Alverca - Lisbon
A2 Almada - Lisbon
A5 intersection with the CREL - Lisbon
A8 Loures - Lisbon
IC19 intersection with the CREL - Lisbon (Damaia)
EN6 Cascais - Lisbon
EN10 Vila Franca de Xira - Alverca
A3 intersection with the IC24 - Porto
A4 junction with the A3 - Porto
EN13 Moreira - Porto
EN105 Alfena (intersection with the IC24) - Porto
IC1 Miramar - Porto
EN209 Gondomar - Porto
EN222 (ER) Avintes – Porto



Exceptions: (apply to all the routes indicated above, with the exception of the tunnels and the 25 April Bridge)

- dangerous goods destined for public or private health units;
- dangerous goods destined for the armed forces or the police;
- dangerous goods unloaded from or to be loaded on to ships (transport of dangerous goods to/from sea ports);
- transport of fuel for the supply of airports or sea ports.

Special authorisations

The Direcção Geral de Viação (General Directorate of Traffic) may issue special authorisations for vehicles

- which carry out loading operations during restricted periods if, simultaneously, the production or storage unit where the vehicle is loaded is served only by a restricted road and if this road allows direct access to another unrestricted road;
- which are carrying dangerous goods necessary for the continuous operation of production units.

Requests for special authorisations should be addressed to the “IMTT”, tel: (+351 21) 794 90 00. The following documents and information are required:

- a photocopy of the vehicle’s registration certificate;
- the vehicle’s ADR certificate, where applicable;
- the name and address of the transport operator;
- the list of goods to be transported indicating the ADR class and the UN identification number;
- the proposed date, time and route of the transport operation.

Local traffic restrictions

Lisbon

The transit, loading or unloading of goods vehicles of over 2.6t total weight is forbidden between 8h00 and 10h00 and between 17h00 and 19h00. The area concerned is signposted accordingly. In pedestrian precincts throughout the city, loading and unloading are prohibited from 8h00 to 10h00 and from 11h30 to 19h00.



Porto

The transit, loading or unloading of HGVs is forbidden in Porto between 14h00 and 19h00. The limits of the zone concerned by this prohibition are the following : the inner ring road, from Ponte da Arrábida to Bessa Leite, Rua de António Bessa Leite, Rua de Pedro Hispano, Rua da Constituição, Rua Cinco de Outubro, Rua Domingos Sequeira, Rua Quinta Amarela, Rua Egas Moniz, Rua Damiao de Gois, Rua Joao Pedro Ribeiro, Praça Marques de Pombal, Rua Latino Coelho, Praça Rainha D. Amélia, Rua Nova de S. Crispim, Av. Fernao de Magalhaes, Campo 24 de Agosto, Rua Duque de Saldanha, Largo Padre Baltazar Guedes, Av. Gustavo Eiffel, Tunel da Ribeira, Rua do Infante D. Henrique, Rua Nova da Alfandega, Rua de Monchique, Cais das Pedras, Alameda Basilio Teles, Cais do Bicalho and Rua do Ouro.

The prohibition does not apply to the following vehicles: public transport vehicles; the fire brigade; vehicles of the armed forces and the police force; government vehicles; municipal vehicles; post office vehicles; emergency or first aid vehicles; vehicles transporting either livestock or other goods, provided they have authorisation.

Other cities

Other cities have local driving restrictions. Restricted areas are signposted.

Public holidays 2011

- 1 January New Year's Day
- 22 April Good Friday
- 24 April Easter Sunday
- 25 April Liberation Day
- 1 May Labour Day*
- 10 June National Day
- 23 June Corpus Christi
- 15 August Assumption
- 5 October Republic Day
- 1 November All Saints' Day
- 1 December Restoration of Independence
- 8 December Immaculate Conception
- 25 December Christmas Day*

* Sunday

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