

# HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES



## Schedule of complementary traffic bans

# 2025



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## ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS ACCORDING TO NETWORKS

Days and timings	Throughout France	Île-de-France region		Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region
		Paris > Province	Province > Paris	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	00-22	00-24	00-24	00-22
Thursday 2nd January	-	-	06-10	-
Saturday 8 February	22-24	10-18 and 22-24	22-24	07-18 and 22-24
Saturday 15 February	22-24	10-18 and 22-24	22-24	07-18 and 22-24
Saturday 22 February	22-24	10-18 and 22-24	22-24	07-18 and 22-24
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	22-24	10-18 and 22-24	22-24	07-18 and 22-24
Saturday 8 March	22-24	10-18 and 22-24	22-24	07-18 and 22-24
Saturday 19 April	22-24	10-24	22-24	22-24
Sunday 20 April - Easter	00-22	00-24	00-24	00-22
Monday 21 April - Easter Monday	00-22	00-24	00-24	00-22
Tuesday 22 April	-	-	06-10	-
Wednesday 30 April	22-24	16-24	22-24	22-24
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May - Labor Day	00-22	00-24	00-24	00-22
Friday 2nd May	-	16-21	06-10	-
Wednesday 7 May	22-24	16-24	22-24	22-24
Thursday 8 May - Victory 1945	00-24	00-24	00-24	00-24
Friday 9 May	-	16-21	06-10	-
Wednesday 28 May	22-24	16-24	22-24	22-24
Thursday 29 May – Ascension Day	00-22	00-24	00-24	00-22
Friday 30 May	-	16-21	06-10	-
Saturday 7 June	22-24	10-18 and 22-24	22-24	22-24
Sunday 8 June – Whit Day	00-22	00-24	00-24	00-22
Monday 9 June – Whit Monday	00-22	00-24	00-24	00-22
Tuesday 10 June	-	-	06-10	-
Saturday 5 July	07-19	07-19	07-19	07-19
Saturday 12 July	07-19	07-19	07-19	07-19
Sunday 13 July	00-24	00-24	00-24	00-24
Monday 14 July – Bastille Day	00-22	00-24	00-24	00-22
Tuesday 15 July	-	-	06-10	-
Saturday 19 July	07-19	07-19	07-19	07-19
Saturday 26 July	07-19	07-19	07-19	07-19
Saturday 2 August	07-19	07-19	07-19	07-19
Thursday 14 August	22-24	16-24	22-24	22-24
Friday 15 August – Assumption	00-22	00-24	00-24	00-22
Saturday 16 August	07-19	07-19 and 22-24	06-19 and 22-24	07-19
Saturday 23 August	07-19	07-19	07-19	07-19
Friday 31 October	22-24	16-24	22-24	22-24
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> November - All Saints Day	00-22	00-24	00-24	00-22
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	00-24	00-24	00-24	00-24
Monday 10 November	22-24	16-24	22-24	22-24
Tuesday 11 November – Armistice Day	00-22	00-24	00-24	00-22
Wednesday 12 November	-	-	06-10	-
Wednesday 24 December	22-24	16-24	22-24	22-24
Thursday 25 December - Christmas	00-22	00-24	00-24	00-22
Friday 26 December	-	16-21	06-10	-
Wednesday 31 December	22-24	16-24	22-24	22-24
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	00-22	00-24	00-24	00-22

### Île-de-France region :

On certain road sections mentioned in the decree of 6/04/21 relating to the ban on the transport of goods during certain periods.

### Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region :

In the winter period, on the roads of the road network mentioned in the annex to the decree of 20/12/2024 relating to additional bans on the transport of goods for the year 2025.

# Traffic restrictions

In France, general and complementary traffic bans relate to vehicles or combination vehicles with a gross vehicle weight exceeding 7.5 tons, assigned to the road transport of dangerous and non-dangerous goods, excluding specific vehicles and agricultural machinery and devices.

The general traffic ban applies all year long, to the whole national road network :

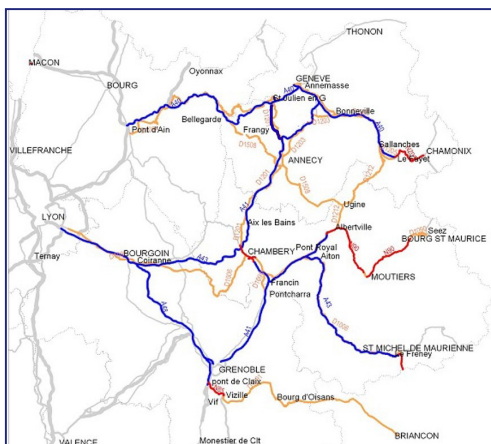
- ▶ Saturday 22:00 until Sunday 22:00 ;
- ▶ the eve of public holidays from 22:00 to 22:00 the day after.

The complementary traffic bans apply to part of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes network in winter and to the whole national road network in summer.

## Roads in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes network which are prohibited in winter

- ▶ Bourg-en-Bresse / Chamonix.
- ▶ Lyon / Chambéry / Tarentaise / Maurienne.
- ▶ Lyon / Grenoble / Briançon.
- ▶ Bellegarde et Saint-Julien-en-Genevois / Annecy / Albertville.
- ▶ Sallanches / Albertville.
- ▶ Chambéry / Annecy / Scientrier.
- ▶ Grenoble / Chambéry

(For more details about the network, consult the site : [www.bison-fute.gouv.fr](http://www.bison-fute.gouv.fr))



## General traffic restrictions on the entire network (except the Île-de-France)

Days of traffic restrictions	Timings of traffic restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturdays</li> <li>• Days before public holidays</li> </ul>	22:00 - 24:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sundays</li> <li>• Public holidays</li> </ul>	0:00 - 22:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturdays that are also Public holidays</li> <li>• Sundays that are also days before Public holidays</li> </ul>	0:00 - 24:00

## Complementary traffic prohibitions

Days of traffic restrictions	Timings of traffic restrictions
Winter in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8, 15 and 22 February</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> and 8 March</li> </ul>	7:00 - 18:00 and 22:00 - 24:00
Summer throughout a part of the network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 July and 23 August</li> </ul>	7:00 - 19:00
Summer throughout the network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12, 19 and 26 July</li> <li>• 2 and 16 August</li> </ul>	7:00 - 19:00

## Specific timetables bans in Île-de-France

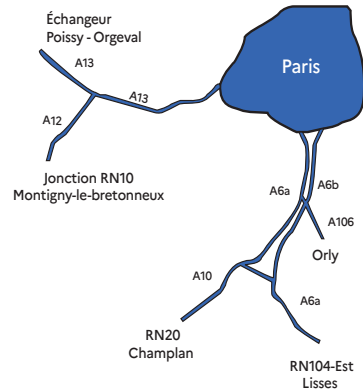
integrating general regulations and excluding seven summer Saturdays (at most)	Paris ↓ Province	Province ↓ Paris
Monday and Days after public holidays	-	6:00 - 10:00
Friday	16:00 - 21:00	-
Saturday	10:00 - 18:00 22:00 - 24:00	22:00 - 24:00
Sunday and public holidays	0:00 - 24:00	0:00 - 24:00
Days before public holidays	16:00 - 24:00	22:00 - 24:00

## Traffic bans in the Île-de-France

Specific bans apply in addition to the general and complementary bans in Île-de-France.

Prohibited motorway sections in Île-de-France (Greater Paris) (excluding specific vehicles and equipment and farming machinery).

- ▶ A6a and A6b motorways from the Paris ringroad to the connecting roads with the A6a and A6b motorways (Wissous municipality).
- ▶ The A106 motorway from its connection with the A6b to Orly airport.
- ▶ The A6 motorway from its connection with the A6a and the A6b to its connection with the RN104-east (Lisses municipality).
- ▶ The A10 motorway from its connection with the A6a and the A6b to the RN20 (Champlan municipality).
- ▶ The A13 motorway from the Paris ringroad to the Poissy/Orgeval interchange (Orgeval municipality).
- ▶ The A12 motorway from its connection with the A13 motorway (Rocquencourt triangle) to the RN10 (Montigny-le-Bretonneux municipality).



## Safety advices

For your safety and that of the other road users :

- respect in any event the safety distances and the speed limits ;
- follow the advice of caution spread on the road signs ;
- when driving, don't use television set, video games consoles and DVD players (decree of 30 July 2008) ;
- you do not use your mobile phone when you are driving, to hold both hands on the wheel and remain watchful (decree of 24 June 2015).

To find out the dates of public holidays in neighboring countries, see « TRANSPORTEURS » section :

[www.bison-fute.gouv.fr/restrictions-pays-limitrophes.html](http://www.bison-fute.gouv.fr/restrictions-pays-limitrophes.html)

## Public holidays in France in 2025

- New Year's Day :  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January
- Easter Monday : Monday 21 April
- Labour Day : Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Victory Day 1945 : Thursday 8 May
- Ascension : Thursday 29 May
- Whit Monday : Monday 9 June
- Bastille Day : Monday 14 July
- Assumption : Friday 15 August
- All Saint's Day :  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Armistice Day :  
Tuesday 11 November
- Christmas : Thursday 25 December



# Exemptions

## Permanent exemptions

Permanent exemptions to the general and additional prohibitions are granted, under certain conditions, for the following vehicles:

- 1° Vehicles exclusively transporting live animals, foodstuffs or perishable products set out in **Annex I** of this Order, provided that the quantity of animals, foodstuffs or perishable products transported occupies at least half of the surface area or useful load volume of the vehicle.
- 2° a) Vehicles which ensure, during the harvest period, the collection and transport of agricultural products as defined in **Annex II** of this Order, from the place of harvest as defined in Annex II of this Order to the place of storage, packaging, treatment or processing of these products, in the area constituted by the region of the place of harvest and its bordering regions;  
b) beet pulp from processing plants to places of storage or use.
- 3° a) economic, sporting, cultural, educational, charitable or political events or transporting materials and equipment intended for the holding of said events, provided that the event justifying the trip takes place no later than four days before or after this trip;  
b) Vehicles transporting fireworks;  
c) Vehicles transporting liquefied gaseous hydrocarbons;
- 4° Vehicles exclusively transporting the press;
- 5° Vehicles carrying out office or factory removals;
- 6° Vehicles designed for the street sale of the products transported;
- 7° Vehicles of traders for the sale of their products at fairs or markets;
- 8° Vehicles used to transport air freight by truck under cover of an airway bill;
- 9° Vehicles transporting hospital waste, linen and goods necessary for the operation of public or private health establishments and accommodation establishments for dependent elderly people;
- 10° Vehicles transporting industrial gamma radiography equipment;
- 11° Vehicles essential for unscheduled operations to troubleshoot and repair public energy, drinking water, sanitation, heating and communication equipment and networks;
- 12° Vehicles essential for operations to maintain the safety of transport infrastructure;



For obtaining details of conditions for exemptions, consult articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the decree of April 16, 2021, relating to the ban on the movement of goods transport vehicles during certain periods :

**Consult the decree of April, 16, 2021**



## Removal of bans

Prefects of *départements* may issue an exemption from a general prohibition on traffic and from additional restrictions in the absence of any harmonisation of traffic prohibitions with States with which France shares a border, in order to mitigate their effects.

They may issue an exemption from a general prohibition on traffic, from additional restrictions and from restrictions specific to the Ile-de-France, in the exceptional circumstances referred to opposite (section on «Exceptional exemptions») if the vehicles concerned have been immobilised for the 72 hours preceding the start of the prohibition.

**13°** Tanker vehicles intended for the supply of fuel (liquid or gaseous) :

- a) Service stations located along motorways and roads with regulated access;
- b) Airports for aircraft;
- c) Sea and river ports for professional and passenger ships and fishing boats;

**14°** Vehicles providing transport for the evacuation of waste from ships in ports, waste disposal sites and slaughterhouses.

## Prefectoral exemptions

Exemptions may be issued by the prefects of *département*.

### » Exceptional exemptions

Taken in the form of a temporary regulatory act of derogation, they are not subject to special individual decisions. They concern essential and urgent transport for :

- ☒ dealing with the consequences, including economic, of the crisis situation or events referred to in paragraph 1;
- ☒ preventing a risk linked to a serious accident or disaster likely to pose a risk to life or to the integrity of persons, property or the environment.

### » Individual exemptions

They may be granted by the prefect for a maximum period of one year and only concern the movements of the following vehicles :

- 1°** vehicles transporting goods to meet essential or urgent needs following an unforeseen event, such as a breakdown or a blocking fault in an establishment receiving the public of the first to fourth category, a professional vessel or a production site;
- 2.** vehicles ensuring the supply of distribution centres threatened with shortage due to an unforeseen event or a temporary context linked to an unforeseen situation ;
- 3.** vehicles transporting goods necessary for the operation in continuous service of certain services or production units, as defined in Annex II of this decree. When they concern the transport of dangerous goods, these exemptions are processed and issued in accordance with the terms and conditions defined in Annex III to this decree ;
- 4.** vehicles transporting goods that contribute to the execution of public services in order to meet immediate collective needs or that contribute to works or operations for which safety and public order justify that these vehicles circulate during a period of traffic ban ;
- 5.** vehicles that ensure the supply of clean linen and the removal



### Validity of the exemption

The exemption must be carried aboard the vehicle and have been completed by its holder, indicating the movement date and the vehicle registration number.



### Exceptional exemptions

are issued by the defence and security zone prefect in circumstances whose scope extends beyond the confines of the *département*.

**Individual exemptions** are issued by the prefect of the *département* in which the journey starts or the *département* of entry into France, in the case of transportation originating abroad.

of dirty linen from hotel structures with a capacity of at least 200 rooms per structure including when the collection or delivery of linen concerns several hotels located on the same reception unit, such as an amusement park or holiday centre ;

6. vehicles transporting compound feed for animals in livestock farms;
7. vehicles transporting goods from or necessary for a manufacturing production unit operating on certain Saturdays, Sundays or public holidays, excluding the transport of dangerous goods, when the applicant justifies that the storage of these goods on the production site is not possible for technical or economic viability reasons. The exemption is limited to a maximum radius of 37.50 kilometres around the production site and must make it possible to resolve the impossibility of storage described above ;
8. vehicles which provide pre or post delivery of goods transported by river or rail, within a maximum radius of 150 kilometres from the intermodal river or rail terminal concerned.

**When the journey covers several départements, the exemption is granted after approval from the prefect of the département of departure and after consultation with the prefect of the département of arrival.**



# Local permanent traffic bans

For safety reasons, heavy goods vehicles are prohibited on some roads in the national road network.

The main prohibitions inherent to prefectural orders targeting vehicles exceeding 7.5 tons (or other tonnage specified in the text) and assigned to the transport of goods, are listed below. Prohibitions relating to public transport are also listed (non-exhaustive list).

## EAST AREA

### **N59/N159/D1059 - Lunéville (54)/Sélestat (67)**

between Lunéville and Sélestat in both directions, traffic ban for vehicles over 3,5 t of GVWR or GCWR in transit.

### **N66/D1066 - Remiremont (88)/Cernay (68)**

- ▶ between Remiremont and Cernay in both directions, traffic ban for vehicles over 3,5 t of GVWR or GCWR in transit ;
- ▶ between the Séchenat viaduct and the West round-about of Saint-Amarin, traffic ban for vehicles over 19 t of GVWR or GCWR from 22h to 6h with loading or unloading in Alsace or in Lorraine.

## NORTH AREA

### **A1/N356/A22 - Faches-Thumesnil (59)/Aalbeke (BE)**

in the south – north direction, between the interchange n° 20 Faches-Thumesnil (A1), and the Aalbeke interchange (Belgium), traffic ban for vehicles over 3,5 t in transit.

## SOUTH AREA

### **A557 - viaduct of Arenc (13)**

traffic ban for vehicles over 3,5 t or carrying hazardous materials in transit.

### **A507 - L2 (13)**

traffic ban for vehicles carrying hazardous materials using NGV as fuel.



Non-compliance with these prohibitions may lead the carrier to use an unsuitable road and imply mortal danger for both the carrier and other road users.



Comply with the indications given by the police and road signs in all events.



**A55 - Cap Pinède/Vieux-Port interchange (13)**

between the interchange A7/A55 and Marseille Vieux-Port, traffic ban for vehicles over 3,5 t, and vehicles carrying hazardous materials in transit between Cap Pinède interchange and the Vieux-Port.

**A50 - La Penne-sur-Huveaune/Marseille (13)**

in the direction of La Penne-sur-Huveaune/Marseille, traffic ban for vehicles carrying hazardous materials.

**A7 - Septème-les-Vallons/Marseille (13)**

in the direction of Septème-les-Vallons/Marseille, traffic ban for vehicles carrying hazardous materials.

**A50/A57 - tunnel of Toulon (83)**

traffic ban for vehicles over 19 t and vehicles for public transportation, in direction of Marseille.

**A8 - Antibes tollgate (06)/Italie**

in both directions between Antibes tollgate and the Italian border, traffic ban for vehicles carrying hazardous materials such as ethylene oxide (ONU 263/1040).

**N85 - Aspres-lès-Corps/Gap (05)**

in both directions, traffic ban for vehicles over 26 t of GVWR without decelerators between the boundary of Isère region and the entrance of Gap city.

**N94 - Embrun/Montgenèvre pass (05)**

- ▶ between the Embrun southern roundabout and the Italian border, traffic ban for vehicles over 26 t of GVWR or GCWR without decelerators ;
- ▶ between La Vachette and Montgenèvre pass, traffic ban for vehicles over 26 t of GVWR or GCWR, unless local access and vehicles with EURO 0 standard.

**N100/N580 - Avignon (84)**

the Avignon crossing by the Royaume bridge or the Daladier bridge is prohibited for vehicles over 3,5 t.

**N7 - Orange (84)**

the Orange crossing is prohibited for vehicles over 3,5 t.

## SOUTH-EAST AREA

**A7/A6 – Ternay/Limonest (69)**

- ▶ traffic ban for vehicles over 7,5 t in transit between the Ternay interchange (A47) and the Limonest interchange, unless the A7 section between the A450 interchange and the Boulevard Urbain Sud interchange ;
- ▶ in the Fourvière tunnel, traffic ban for vehicles over 4,30 m high, and vehicles carrying hazardous materials.

**BPNL - Boulevard Périphérique Nord de Lyon (69)**

traffic ban for vehicles over 19 t or over 4,50 m high, as well as vehicles carrying hazardous materials in transit.

**N7 - Vienne/Péage-de-Roussillon (38)**

- ▶ between Vienne and Le Péage-de-Roussillon in the north – south direction, traffic ban for vehicles over 3,5 t ;
- ▶ the Péage-de-Roussillon crossing is prohibited for vehicles carrying hazardous materials.

**N85 - Laffrey downhill (38)**

in the downward track, traffic ban for vehicles over 7,5 t of GVWR and vehicles for public transportation.

**N205 - Mont-Blanc tunnel (74)**

Mont-Blanc tunnel crossing is prohibited for vehicles over 3,5 t, or over 4,70 m high, and vehicles with EURO 0, 1, 2 standard as well as vehicles carrying hazardous materials.

**N543 - Fréjus tunnel (73)**

Fréjus tunnel crossing is prohibited for vehicles over 3,5 t, and vehicles with EURO 0, 1, 2 standard ; vehicles carrying hazardous materials are authorised to travel in convoy.



# Traffic bans applied in bordering countries

Some bordering countries have different types of bans. These traffic bans restrict border crossings when combined with French ones.

## Spain

In the Basque Country, heavy goods vehicles exceeding 7.5 tons are authorised on Sundays and public holidays when travelling from France to Spain on the main roads, and on the A8 and N1 roads after the French-Spanish border crossing at Biriattou in particular.

In Catalonia, in the province of Girona, heavy goods vehicles with a MAW exceeding 7.5 tons are prohibited on the AP7/E15 motorway travelling from Spain to France (between Agullana and the Perthus pass) some public holidays in the schedule of traffic bans in France.

Precise information on traffic restrictions for exceptional transport and the transport of dangerous substances and punctual traffic restrictions for heavy goods vehicles exceeding 7.5 tons in Spain are accessible on the web site of the traffic division : [www.dgt.es/conoce-el-estado-del-trafico/restricciones-a-la-circulacion/](http://www.dgt.es/conoce-el-estado-del-trafico/restricciones-a-la-circulacion/)

In the Basque Country : [www.trafikoa.euskadi.eus/lfr/web/trafikoa](http://www.trafikoa.euskadi.eus/lfr/web/trafikoa)

In Catalonia : [www.gencat.cat/transit/mesures.htm](http://www.gencat.cat/transit/mesures.htm)

## Italy

The circulation of heavy goods vehicles exceeding 7.5 tons is prohibited on Sunday and the holidays :

- ▶ between 9:00 and 22:00 from October to May ;
- ▶ between 7:00 and 22:00 from June to September ;
- ▶ between 8:00 and 16:00 on Saturdays in summer, from July to the end of August.

Both French and Italian regulations prohibit traffic crossing the alps in summer from Saturday 7:00 to Sunday 24:00.

## Luxembourg

Heavy goods vehicles exceeding 7.5 tons, with or without a trailer, intended for the transport of goods from Belgium or Germany to France are prohibited on public roads in Luxembourg :

- ▶ from Saturday 21:30 to Sunday 21:45 ;
- ▶ the days before public holidays from 21:30 to the following day 21:45.

For more information, consult the web site [www.cita.lu](http://www.cita.lu)



■ Neighbouring countries with prohibitions

## Germany

Heavy goods vehicles exceeding 7.5 tons and semi-trailers are not authorised to travel between 00:00 and 24:00 on Sundays and public holidays. This provision applies to the entire German road network. This restriction does not apply to vehicles carrying perishable foods (including the corresponding empty legs).

In July and August, additional traffic restrictions apply on Saturdays from 7:00 to 20:00 on certain motorways, and, to a lesser extent, on sections of busy federal roads during the summer school holidays.

For more information, consult the web site

[www.europe-camions.com/news/interdiction-circuler/alle-magne-de](http://www.europe-camions.com/news/interdiction-circuler/alle-magne-de)

## Switzerland

Traffic is prohibited on Sundays, public holidays and at night. With the exception of vehicles assigned to the transport of passengers, the prohibition to travel on Sundays and general public holidays applies :

- ☑ to heavy automobile vehicles with a total authorised weight of more than 3.5 tons ;
- ☑ to articulated vehicles with a total combined authorised weight of more than 5 tons ;
- ☑ to vehicles pulling a trailer with a total authorised weight of more than 3.5 tons.

These vehicles are also subject to the permanent prohibition to travel at night between 22:00 and 5:00.

For more information, consult the web site [www.truckinfo.ch](http://www.truckinfo.ch)



## Special authorisations

In Switzerland, exemptions may only be accorded for emergency transport (which must absolutely be performed on a Sunday or by night). For more information, consult the automobile service [www.asa.ch](http://www.asa.ch)

Consult the traffic brigade for the cantons of Basel-town, Basel-Country and Grisons [www.police.ch](http://www.police.ch)



# Specific transports

## Public transport for children

Children's public transport, using vehicles assigned to public transport duties (i.e. with more than nine seats, including the driver's seat), is defined as transportation organised primarily for persons aged under 18, regardless of the reason for their journey.

The principle of prohibiting the movement of child transport on the most sensitive dates of the summer period, on the entire road network, is renewed in 2025:

**Saturday 2 August is prohibited from midnight to midnight for all trips**, except those made within a department and between neighboring departments.

» **Mandatory list of passengers** (article 60 ter of the order of 2 July 1982 on public passenger transport).

As a safety measure, any coach assigned to public passenger transport must now have a list with the names of passengers on board. The list must be established and notified to the carrier by the party organising the service. This list must be presented to controllers upon request.

The document must comprise certain mandatory mentions, but may take any form. Mandatory mentions include: the full names of all of the passengers and, in the context of public transport for children, the telephone number of a person to be contacted for each child.

This document is not however required if the transport remains in the département of boarding and bordering départements.

For more informations on regulations about the public transport of children, consult the site [www.ecologie.gouv.fr/organisation-des-transports-routiers-nationaux-personnes](http://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/organisation-des-transports-routiers-nationaux-personnes)

## Exceptional transport

**The transport or carriage of goods, machinery or vehicles defined as exceptional due to their dimensions or weight, which do not comply with regulatory limits, require prior authorisation.**

Two types of authorisation exist: individual personal authorisation and local transport authorisation. Contact your préfecture or, for foreign countries, the préfecture of the département of arrival in France for information.

**Convoys with transport authorisation remain prohibited :**

- ☑ on the entire road and motorway network from Saturday or



### Safety belt

Make sure children wear the safety belt if fitted in the vehicle. Since September 1, 2015, vehicles must be equipped with seat belts.

### Alcohol breath test

All new coaches operating from 2010 must be fitted with breath alcohol ignition interlock devices.



### Reminder concerning speed limits

(Highway code : article R413-10)

As of July 1, 2018, the maximum authorized speed has been reduced from 90 to 80 km / on two-way single carriageway roads without a central separator. Outside built-up areas and with the exception of tracks on which vehicle speed is limited to 80 km / h in application of 3 ° of I of article R. 413-2, the speed of public transport vehicles is limited to 90 km/h. However, this maximum speed is raised to 100 km/h :

- on motorways, in the case of vehicles with a total weight exceeding 10 tonnes and having particular technical specifications defined by an order of the Minister of Transport ;
- on motorways and dual carriageways separated by a central reservation, in the case of vehicles weighing 10 tonnes or less.

In operation, these maximum speeds are reduced to 70 km/h for buses and coaches carrying standing passengers.

the day prior to a public holiday 12:00 to Monday or the day after the public holiday 6:00, unless a prefectural exemption is accorded in case of absolute necessity and according to local circumstances, with the opinion of the prefects of the départements crossed if applicable ;

- ☑ during periods and on itineraries on which vehicles carrying goods or dangerous substances are prohibited, defined each year in an Interministerial order ;
- ☑ during the application of thawing regulations, on the relevant itineraries ;
- ☑ during snow or black ice or if visibility is inadequate.

These provisions do not apply to convoys and military transport or to training vehicles and the vehicles of the traffic police, which are subject to specific rules.

## Transporting logs (roundwood)

**Roundwood refers to any part of a chopped tree trunk or branches.**

This traffic is authorised up to a maximum of 57 tons (6 axles) or 48 tons (5 axles) for vehicles with certification on the absence of a economically viable alternative to road transport, in the conditions and on the routes pre-defined in an order by the prefect of the *département*.

**This traffic remains however prohibited :**

- ☑ on the motorway, for combination vehicles which cannot maintain a steady speed of 50 km/h ;
- ☑ on the entire road and motorway network, from Saturday or the day prior to a public holiday 12:00 to Monday or the day following the public holiday 6:00 (excluding prefectural exemptions granted in cases of absolute necessity) ;
- ☑ during snow or black ice or if visibility is inadequate.



### References :

- Highway code : articles R433-1 - R433-6 and R433-17 - R433-20
- Order of 4 May 2006 on the exceptional transport of goods, machinery or vehicles and combination vehicles with more than one trailer (amended by orders of 04/09/2007, 25/02/2011, 04/04/2011, 08/08/2011, 28/04/2012, 25/06/2013).

For more information on regulations on exceptional transport or on the means of obtaining authorisation, consult the site : [www.securite-routiere.gouv.fr](http://www.securite-routiere.gouv.fr)



### References :

Decree n° 2011-368 of 4 April 2011 on the transport of logs (roundwood) and completing article R 312-3 of the highway code.



# Bad weather plans

**Bad weather plans are prepared by road operation services in case of weather crisis situations caused by snow or black ice. These plans are also known as snow plans or snow and black ice plans.**

These plans mainly aim to ensure the **safety of road users and ensure smooth traffic flow**, preventing roads and motorways from becoming jammed. Special action is taken for this purpose: priority sanding or snow clearing for key itineraries; traffic control; creation of advisory diversions, possible closing of roads sections or motorways in case of traffic jams...

Some provisions relate more directly to heavy goods vehicles and prohibit access to snow-covered areas downstream via storage measures. These downstream measures will avoid a complete road jam, and will simplify the use of snow clearing machinery or, if necessary, the access of rescue services.

**Simplifying the work of winter machinery** compliance with certain instructions such as not overtaking snow ploughs, not changing lane or not overtaking on a road with snow or black ice is recommended.

## For driving on snow-covered roadway...

«If a road has three or more lanes assigned to one direction, drivers of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating exceeding 3.5 tons or combination vehicles with a length exceeding 7 metres are prohibited from using any lane other than the two lanes located nearest to the right edge of the road, unless it is necessary to use other lanes in view of preparing for a change of direction, in which case disturbance to general traffic flow must be limited as far as possible...» (art. R 412-25 and R 414-17 of the highway code).



### Stopping distance

At 50 km/h, on a dry road, a heavy goods vehicle needs 44 m to stop, as compared with at least 100 m on a road covered with a thin layer of snow.



# Applicable regulations

- Order of May 18, 2009 amending the Order of July 2, 1982 relating to public passenger transport, which mainly establishes a new definition of the transport of children.
- Order of April 16, 2021 on the ban on the movement of goods transport vehicles during certain periods, which repeals the decree of March 2, 2015.
- Order of 20th December 2024 on complementary traffic prohibitions for 2025 for vehicles carrying goods.
- Order of 6th February 2025 on the day prohibited for 2025 for children's public transport.
- Decree of 17 September 2018 defining the application of the decisions announced at the Interministerial committee of road safety of 9 January 2018.
- Order of 29 September 2008 on the high visibility jacket.
- Order of 30 September 2008 on emergency warnings for vehicles.

## Reflective safety jacket and emergency warning triangle (Decree of 30 July 2008)

They are mandatory in all vehicles with full bodywork registered in France and all foreign vehicles travelling in France. Applicable regulations must be complied with. The conformity of the jacket is certified by the EC marking; the conformity of the triangle is certified by the E 27 R mark. Non-compliance with these obligations is considered as a class 4 offence (Set fine of 135 euros, reduced fine of 90 euros).



### Decree of 30 July 2008

Televisions, video games consoles and DVD players

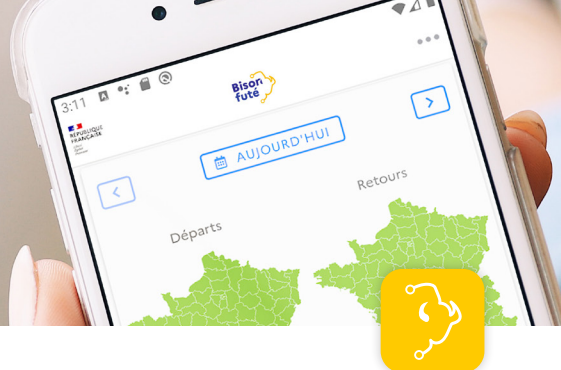
Use prohibited while driving. Non-compliance with these regulations is considered as a class 4 offence, confiscation of the appliance and loss of two points.



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