

Driving restrictions, goods transport Germany

Vehicles concerned trucks with a total permissible weight of over 7.5t, as well as trucks with trailers; The driving ban only applies to freight transports that are used for the business-like or paid transport of goods, including associated empty journeys.

Area throughout the road and motorway network

Prohibition Sundays and public holidays from 00h00 to 22h00

Additional restrictions (summer)

Area the following stretches of motorway and trunk roads:

A 1	from the intersection Erfttal via intersection Leverkusen-West, Wuppertal, the Kamen intersection and Münster to the intersection Lotte/Osnabrück, from Bremen Brinkum to Bremer Kreuz
A 2	from the Oberhausen intersection to the Bad Oeynhausen intersection
A 3	from the Oberhausen intersection to the Köln-east intersection, from the Mönchhof intersection via the Frankfurt intersection to the Nürnberg intersection
A 4	from Kirchheimer intersection to the border of Thüringen at Herleshausen
A 5	from Hattenbach intersection to the Bad Homburg intersection, from Darmstadt intersection to the Karlsruhe-South junction and from the Offenburg junction to the Neuenburg interchange
A 6	from the Schwetzingen-Hockenheim junction to the Nürnberg-south intersection
A 7	from the Schleswig/Jagel junction to the Bordesholm interchange, from the Soltau-Süd junction to the Hanover-East intersection, from the Schweinfurt/Werneck junction via the Biebelried interchange, the Ulm/Elchingen interchange and the Allgäu interchange to the end of the federal border in Füssen
A 8	from the Karlsruhe intersection to the München-Obermenzing junction and from the München-Ramersdorf junction to the Bad Reichenhall junction
A 9/E 51	Berlin ringroad (Leipzig branch road/Potsdam intersection) to the Munich-Schwabing junction
A 10	Berliner Ring, from the intersection Werder via the Potsdam-North junction to the Berlin Spandau
A 45	from the Dortmund-south junction via the Westhofener intersection and the Gambach intersection to the Seligenstadt intersection
A 61	from the Meckenheim intersection via the Koblenz intersection to the Hockenheim intersection

A 67	from the Darmstadt intersection to the Viernheim intersection
A 81	from the junction Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen to the junction Gärtringen.
A 92	from the Munich-Feldmoching intersection to the Oberschleissheim junction and from the Neufahrn intersection to the Erding junction
A 93	from the Inntal intersection to the Reischenhart junction
A 99	from the Munich-south-west intersection via the intersections at Munich-west, Munich-Allach, Munich Feldmoching, Munich-north, Munich-east, Munich-south and Munich/Eschenried
A 113	from intersection Schönefeld bis intersection Neukölln, direction Hamburg
A 115	from intersection Zehlendorf to intersection Funkturm
A 831	from the Stuttgart-Vaihingen junction to the Stuttgart intersection
A 980	from the Allgäu intersection to the Waltenhofen junction
A 995	from the Sauerlach junction to the Munich-south intersection
B 31	from the Stockach-east junction of the A98 to the Sigmarszell junction of the A96
B 96/E2 51	from the Berlin state border to the B 104 in Neubrandenburg.

Prohibition: Saturdays between 1 July and 31 August from 07h00 to 20h00

A map with alternative routes during the summer driving restrictions (BGL-Ausweichstreckenkarte) can be found under <https://www.bgl-ev.de/web/fahrerinfos/ferienfahrverbot.htm>

The “Autobahn app” with the interactive map is available in the google play store or in the apple store.

Exceptions (apply to both of the above restrictions)

1. Combined rail/road goods transport from the shipper to the nearest loading railway station or from the nearest designated unloading railway station to the consignee up to a distance of 200km (no limitation on distance during the additional summer restrictions); also combined sea/road goods transport between the place of loading or unloading and a port situated within a radius of 150km maximum (delivery or loading).
2. Deliveries of fresh milk and other dairy produce, fresh meat and its fresh derivatives, fresh fish, live fish and their fresh derivatives, perishable foodstuffs (fruit and vegetables).
3. *Transport of animal by-products acc. category 1 acc. Art. 8 as well as category 2 acc. Art. 9 f) i) of regulation (EG) No. 1069/2009*
4. *Use of recovery vehicles, tow services and breakdown vehicles in case of an accident or any other emergency*
5. *Transport of live bees*
6. *Empty vehicles in connection with transports mentioned under point 2-5*
7. Transport operations using vehicles subject to the Federal Law on the obligations of service; the relevant authorisation must be carried on board and produced for inspection on request.

Also exempted from the prohibition are vehicles belonging to the police and federal border guard, fire brigades and emergency services, the federal armed services and allied troops.

For operations which are not covered by the above-mentioned exceptions, authorisations must be obtained. These, however, will be issued only in the event of an emergency, when delivery by other means of transport is not possible.

Night driving restrictions

There exist a certain number of night driving restrictions on specific routes. These are indicated by road signs.

Public holidays 2026

01 January (Thursday)	New Year's Day
03 April (Friday)	Good Friday
06 April (Monday)	Easter Monday
01 May (Friday)	Labour Day
14 May (Thursday)	Ascension
25 May (Monday)	Whit Monday
04 June (Thursday)	Corpus Christi (only in Baden-Wuerttemberg, Bavaria, Hessen, North-Rhine Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saar)
03 October (Saturday)	German Unification Day
31 October (Saturday)	Reformation Day (only in Brandenburg, Bremen, Hamburg, Lower Saxony, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, Schleswig-Holstein, and Thuringia)
01 November (Sunday)	All Saints' Day (only in Baden-Wuerttemberg, Bavaria, North-Rhine Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saar)
25 December (Friday)	Christmas Day
26 December (Saturday)	St Stephen's Day

Please note that at any other public holidays in Germany than those referred to above there is no driving ban.

Note: The German government has announced the abolition of the holiday driving ban for trucks on non-federal holidays. This would mean that on the holidays of Corpus Christi, Reformation Day and All Saints' Day, there will be NO truck driving ban in ANY federal state in Germany in future. However, this still needs to be amended in the underlying Road Traffic Regulations (StVO). The amendment to the Road Traffic Regulations is expected to be implemented in the first half of 2026.

Further information may be obtained from

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