

Driving restrictions, goods transport 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 (<i>no derogation will be granted</i>)
Road concerned	tunnels on the A23 motorway : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 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) <i>NB: compulsory exit is signposted 1500m before the slip road</i>
Prohibition	Fridays, Sundays, public holidays and the eve of public holidays from 18h00 to 21h00
Roads concerned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · EN6 Lisbon - Cascais · EN10 Infantado - Vila Franca de Xira · EN14 Maia - Braga · EN15 Porto - Campo (A4) · EN105 Porto - Alfena (junction with the IC24) · IC1 Coimbra - 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 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 Direcção Geral de Viação, tel: **(+351 21) 312 2100**. 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 authorised between 10h00 and 11h30 or after 19h00.

Porto

The transit, loading or unloading of HGVs is forbidden in Porto between 12h00 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 Serpa Pinto, 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 and Av. Gustavo Eiffel.

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.

Public holidays 2006

1 January	New Year's Day
14 April	Good Friday
16 April	Easter Sunday
25 April	Liberation Day

1 May	Labour Day
10 June	National Day
15 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

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