

Driving restrictions, goods transport, 2020

Bulgaria

Vehicles concerned	all goods vehicles over 15t
Prohibition	permanent till the end of the maintenance works
Road concerned	road I-1 between km 276+162 and km 285+600
Vehicles concerned	all goods vehicles of over 12t total laden weight
Prohibition	permanent till the end of the maintenance works
Road concerned	road I-3 between km 193+345 (intersection with the road to Pravetz junction) and km 204+200 (intersection with I-1)
Vehicles concerned	all goods vehicles of over 15t total laden weight
Prohibition	permanent
Road concerned	road I-5, section Tchernootchene – Kardjali The vehicles concerned should use the following routes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• direction Haskovo – Kardjali: road I-5 – road III-505 – Manastir – road III-507 – Voyvodino – Most – Tchiflik – Kardjali• direction Assenovgrad – Kardjali: road II-58 – road I-5, direction Haskovo – road III-505 – Manastir – road III-507 – Voyvodino – Most – Tchiflik – Kardjali• direction Mineralni Bani – Kardjali: road III-506 – road III-806 – road I-5 – road III-505 – Manastir – road III-507 – Voyvodino – Most – Tchiflik – Kardjali
Vehicles concerned	all goods motor vehicles of over 12t total laden weight (N3) and the towing of trailers and semi trailers with MPW over 10t (O4)
Prohibition	permanent
Road concerned	I-5 between km 155+250 and km 184 +000 (Shipka Pass) The vehicles concerned should use the route Radnevo – road II-57 – Pet mogili – Novoselez – road II-55 – Mlekarevo – Radevo – Nova Zagora – road I-6 – Gurkovo – Prohod na Republikata – Veliko Tarnovo.
Vehicles concerned	all goods vehicles of over 3.5t total laden weight
Prohibition	permanent till the end of the maintenance works
Road concerned	road I-5, section overbridge Kirkovo – Makasa
Vehicles concerned	all vehicles
Prohibition	permanent till the end of the maintenance works
Road concerned	I-7, section Varbishki Pass The vehicles concerned should use the Kotlenski Pass (I-4 road), the Rishki Pass (II-73 road) or the Prohod na Republikata Pass (road II-55).

Vehicles concerned	all goods motor vehicles of over 12t total laden weight (N3) (incl. trailers and semi trailers) with more than 2 axles
Prohibition	permanent
Road concerned	II-81, section Petrohan Pass
Vehicles concerned	all goods motor vehicles of over 10t total laden weight
Prohibition	permanent
Road concerned	II-82, section Kostenez (km 0+000) – Samokov (km 39+176)
Vehicles concerned	all vehicles exceeding the maximum authorised weights and dimensions
Prohibition	throughout the year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · if visibility is less than 50m due to mist, heavy rain or snow; · in icy conditions; · during hours of darkness and at rush hours, except in cases of emergency or natural disaster.
Vehicles concerned	all goods vehicles of over 12t total laden weight
Prohibition	permanent during public holidays – in case of more than one consecutive non working days including at least one public holiday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on the last working day on the eve of the series of non working days: from 16h00 to 20h00 (see the list below) • on the last day of the series of non working days: from 14h00 to 20h00 (see the list below) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16 April from 16h00 to 20h00; - 20 April from 14h00 to 20h00; - 30 April from 16h00 to 20h00; - 3 May from 14h00 to 20h00; - 22 May from 16h00 to 20h00; - 25 May from 14h00 to 20h00; - 4 September from 16h00 to 20h00; - 7 September from 14h00 to 20h00; - 23 December from 16h00 to 20h00; - 28 December from 14h00 to 20h00.
Roads concerned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hemus motorway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - section Sofia (km 0+000) – junction to the roundabout with road I-4 (km 87+600) in both directions; • roads class I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - road I-1 section Rebarkovo – Botevgrad in both directions; - road I-1 Blagoevgrad – Kresna in both directions; - road I-4 Koritna junction – Veliko Tarnovo – Shumen in both directions;

- road I-5 Ruse – Biala in both directions;
- road I-8 border crossing point “Kalotina” (with Serbia) – Sofia in both directions;
- road I-9 Varna – Burgas in both directions.
- roads class II
 - road II-18 Sofia ringroad in both directions;
 - road II-99 Burgas – Tsarevo in both directions

The restriction does not apply to motor vehicles transporting perishable foodstuffs and goods under temperature regime, livestock and dangerous goods (ADR).

Vehicles concerned	all goods vehicles of over 12t total laden weight
Prohibition	permanent during public holidays – in case of more than one consecutive non working days including at least one public holiday (see the details below)
Roads concerned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trakia motorway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - section Sofia – Plovdiv in direction Plovdiv on the last working day on the eve of the series of non working days from 16h00 to 20h00 (16 April, 30 April, 22 May, 4 September, 23 December 2020); - section Plovdiv – Sofia in direction Sofia on the last day of the series of non working days from 14h00 to 20h00 (20 April, 3 May, 25 May, 7 September, 28 December 2020); • Struma motorway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - section Sofia (km 0+000) – Simitli in direction border crossing point “Kulata” (with Greece) on the last working day on the eve of the series of non working days from 16h00 to 20h00 (16 April, 30 April, 22 May, 4 September, 23 December 2020); - section Sandanski – Kresna in direction Sofia on the last day of the series of non working days from 14h00 to 20h00 (20 April, 3 May, 25 May, 7 September, 28 December 2020) • Maritsa motorway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - section Harmanli – Trakia motorway in direction Trakia motorway on the last day of the series of non working days from 14h00 to 20h00 (20 April, 3 May, 25 May, 7 September, 28 December 2020).

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Vehicles concerned	all goods vehicles of over 12t total laden weight
Prohibition	Summer restriction from 15 June to 15 September 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on Friday: from 17h00 to 20h00 • on Sunday: from 14h00 to 20h00
Roads concerned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • roads class I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - road I-1 section Rebarkovo – Botevgrad in both directions; - road I-1 Blagoevgrad – Kresna in both directions;

- road I-5 Ruse – Biala in both directions;
- road I-9 Varna – Burgas in both directions.
- roads class II
 - road II-99 Burgas – Tsarevo in both directions.

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MAIN RESTRICTIONS IN SOFIA

<i>Vehicles concerned</i>	trucks and combined vehicles of over 4t MPW ¹⁾
<i>Prohibition</i>	every day, from 7h00 to 21h00
<i>Area concerned</i>	<p><i>Sofia City – Centre</i></p> <p>The borders of the zone Center are as follows: Opalchenska str. – Slivnitza bld. – Gen. Danail Nikolaev bld. – Evlogui Gueorguiev bld. – Bulgaria bld. – Pencho Slaveikov bld. – Gen. Totleben bld. – Gen. Skobelev bld. – Opalcheska str.</p> <p>(N.B.: The zone do not include the streets mentioned above, but only the area bordered by these streets)</p>

Vehicles concerned	buses and coaches with more than 22 passengers' seats ¹⁾
Prohibition	every day, from 7h00 to 21h00
Area concerned	Sofia City – Centre
Vehicles concerned	trucks and combined vehicles of over 15t MPW ¹⁾
Prohibition	permanent in Zone 1
Area concerned	Sofia City – Zone 1 The borders of the Zone 1 are as follows: Konstantin Velichkov bld. – Gabrovo str. – Skopie str. – Nadejda crossroad – 202 str. – Kamenodelska str. – Malashevska str. – Parva balgarska armia str. – Rezbarska str. – Vassil Kanchev str. – Reka Veleka str. – Alexander Ekzarh str. – Madrid bld. – Sitniakovo bld. – Peio lavorov bld. – Nikola Vaptzarov bld. – Cherni vrah bld. – Srebarna str. – Gotze Delchev bld. – Jitnitza str. – Nikola Mushanov bld. – Vazkresenie bld. – Konstantin Velichkov bld. (N.B.: The zone do not include the streets mentioned above, but only the area bordered by these streets) <u>The following streets and boulevards are not affected by this restriction:</u> Slivnica bld., Vladajska reka str., Zidarska str., Gradinarska str., Rezbarska str., Gen. Danail Nikolaev bld., Konstantin Stoilov bld., Kamenodelska str., Gen. Vladimir Vazov bld., Chavdar Bridge and Zletovo str.
Vehicles concerned	trucks and combined vehicles of over 10t MPW
Prohibition	permanent
Area concerned	Pavel Krassov str. between Tsarigradsko shose bld. and Samokovsko shose bld.
Vehicles concerned	trucks and combined vehicles over 7.5t MPW
Prohibition	working days, from 7h00 to 9h00 and from 17h00 to 19h00
Area concerned	Sofia City – Zone 1
Vehicles concerned	all vehicles
Prohibition	non-working days, from 8h00 to 17h00
Area concerned	some of the roads in the Vitosha mountain
Vehicles concerned	trucks and combined vehicles of 4t MPW and above
Prohibition	permanent
Area concerned	Tsarigradsko shose bld. between Eagle bridge and Doctor G. M. Dimitrov bld.
Vehicles concerned	trucks and combined vehicles of over 4t MPW and exhaust emission level lower than EURO 4

Prohibition permanent
Area concerned Sofia City – Zone 1

1) In special cases an exemption permit to run in the restricted areas in Sofia can be obtained after handing in an application with copies of the vehicle registration certificate, of the licence and of the document, proving the need to enter the restricted area/s, to the Transport Department of Sofia Municipality, 17, Budapesta str., 6th floor, Sofia, BG-1000. The following data must be filled in the application: company name, address and telephone; area of movement; make (trade name of manufacturer), registration plate and gross weight of the vehicle. The application can be handed in only by a local entity that is why we advise your hauliers to ask their clients in Sofia (consignees, forwarding companies) to obtain the permit for them. The Bulgarian company has to present a certificate for absence of obligations.

Terms and issuing fees:

Vehicles from 4 to 30 t – 1 month permit		Vehicles from 4 to 30 t – 3 months permit	
Term of issuing	Fee	Term of issuing	Fee
up to 14 days	40 BGN	up to 14 days	100 BGN
up to 7 days	60 BGN	up to 7 days	150 BGN
up to 24 hours	80 BGN	up to 24 hours	200 BGN

Vehicles over 30 t – 1 month permit		Vehicles over 30 t – 3 months permit	
Term of issuing	Fee	Term of issuing	Fee
up to 14 days	50 BGN	up to 14 days	150 BGN
up to 7 days	75 BGN	up to 7 days	225 BGN
up to 24 hours	100 BGN	up to 24 hours	300 BGN

Public holidays 2020		
1 January		New Year's Day
3 March		National Day
17 April		Good Friday (Orthodox)
19 April		Easter Sunday (Orthodox)
20 April		Easter Monday (Orthodox)
1 May		Labour Day
6 May		Bulgarian Army Day
24 May		Day of Slavonic Alphabet
25 May		<i>Additional public holiday²⁾</i>
6 September		Day of Unification
7 September		<i>Additional public holiday²⁾</i>
22 September		Independence Day
1 November		Day of the Leaders of the National Revival (working day)
24 December		Christmas Eve
25 December		Christmas
26 December		Christmas
28 December		<i>Additional public holiday²⁾</i>

²⁾ According to an amendment of the Bulgarian Labor Code, published on 30th of December 2016, if the holiday (except Eastern holydays) falls on a Saturday and/or a Sunday, the following one or two working day(s) will be a day off for compensation.

Source: AEBTRI, December 2019