

INFORMATION NOTICE

Travel Restrictions on Lorries 12T+

Vehicles with a weight of above 12 tonnes (inclusive of the weight of trailers and semi-trailers), will not be allowed to use particular sections of roads in the Republic of Bulgaria, on certain days and at certain times. This ban also applies to agricultural machinery.

The restrictions are in force on the respective roads and dates as shown below:

Motorways (identified by pre-fix 'A-')

Period	Day	Time period (when travel is prohibited)	Road	Section of the road (on which travel is prohibited)
1 June - 15 September, incl.	Every Friday	18:00 - 20:00	Trakia Motorway	Sofia to Plovdiv (in the direction of Burgas)
	Every Sunday	16:00 - 20:00		Burgas to – Sofia in the direction of Sofia
	Every Saturday	10:00 - 14:00	Struma Motorway	Daskalovo road intersection – Kulata BCP in the direction of Kulata
	Every Sunday	16:00 - 20:00	Maritsa Motorway	Svilengrad – Trakia Motorway in the direction of Trakia Motorway

First Class and Second Class Roads (identified by pre-fix 'I-' and 'II-' respectively)

Period	Day	Time period (when travel is prohibited)	Road	Section of the road (on which travel is prohibited)	By-passing
1 June - 15 September, incl.	Every Friday	17:00 - 20:00	I-1	From the village of Rebarkovo to the town of Botevgrad, in the direction of Sofia	Road II-16 Rebarkovo – Svoqe – Sofia ringroad
	Every Sunday	14:00 - 20:00			
	Every Friday	17:00 - 20:00	I-1	Blagoevgrad to Kulata BCP (in either direction)	x
	Every Sunday	14:00 - 20:00			
	Every Friday	17:00 - 20:00	I-5	Ruse to Veliko Tarnovo (in either direction)	x
	Every Sunday	14:00 - 20:00			
	Every Friday	17:00 - 20:00	I-9	Varna to Burgas (in either direction)	x
	Every Sunday	14:00 - 20:00			
	Every Friday	17:00 - 20:00	II-99	Burgas to Tsarevo (in either direction)	x
	Every Sunday	14:00 - 20:00			

**Restrictions on Travel for vehicles above 12 tonnes during
Public Holidays in the Republic of Bulgaria**

Period	Day	Time interval
Public holidays and all periods with two or more non-working days or public holidays <small>*(see below for 2019 Public/ non-working day holidays in Bulgaria)</small>	Last working week day before the respective public holiday	16:00 - 20:00
	Last non-working (public holiday) day	14:00 - 20:00

Road	Section of the road (on which travel is prohibited)
All motorways	Trakia, Hemus, Lyulin, Struma, Maritsa and Cherno Moree motorways
I-1	From the village of Rebarkovo to the town of Botevgrad in the direction of Sofia (bypassing - Road II-16 Rebarkovo – Svoje – Sofia ringroad)
I-1	From Blagoevgrad to Kulata BCP, in both directions
I-4	Koritna intersection – Veliko Tarnovo – Shumen, in both directions
I-5	From Ruse to Veliko Tarnovo, in both directions
I-8	From Kalotina BCP to Sofia, in both directions
II-8	Sofia ringroad
I-9	From Varna to Burgas, in both directions
II-99	From Burgas to Tsarevo, in both directions

N.B. These travel restrictions do not apply to vehicles transporting dangerous materials (ADR), livestock, perishable foodstuffs or refrigerated goods.

RECOMMENDATION:

Drivers of vehicles subject to the road restrictions are advised to check their proposed route map and dates against the restrictions table shown. It is advised that drivers pre-plan stops if travelling at a time when restrictions are in force.

CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE: COMPULSORY ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES

- Suspension of driving licence and a driving ban for one (1) month – imposed on the DRIVER, who has continued to drive in violation of, and contrary to, the restrictions in place at the time (Art. 171.1, section 'g' of the Road Traffic Law);

- a ban on using the vehicle on the roads for a period of three (3) months – imposed on the OWNER, regardless of whether s/he was driving the vehicle or whether s/he allowed another person to drive the vehicle in violation of, and contrary to, the restrictions in place at the time (Art. 171.1, section 'n' of the Road Traffic Law).

SANCTIONS

Sanctions will be imposed on any driver who has continued to drive in violation of, and contrary to the restrictions in place at the time as follows:

- A driving ban for a period of one(1) month, AND*
- A Fine of 300 BGN (Art. 183, Para 7 of the Road Traffic Law)*

Public Holidays in the Republic of Bulgaria, 2019*

1 January – New Year (non-working day)
3 March – Day of Bulgaria's Liberation (non-working days – 3 & 4 March)
26-29 April – Easter (non-working days)
1 May – Labour Day (non-working day)
6 May – St. George's Day, Day of the Bulgarian Army (non-working day)
24 May – Day of Bulgarian Education and Culture
 and of Slavonic Alphabet (non-working day)
6 September – Day of the Unification of Kingdom of Bulgaria
 and East Rumelia (non-working day)
22 September – Day of Bulgaria's Independence (non-working days 22 & 23 September)
24 – 26 December – Christmas (non-working days)

**WE WISH ALL PERSONS TRAVELLING ON THE ROADS IN THE
TERRITORY OF BULGARIA, A SAFE AND PLEASANT JOURNEY!**

BULGARIAN TRAFFIC POLICE