

Driving Restrictions, Goods Transport, 2016 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)																																		
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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 IMTT (Mobility and Inland Transport Institute) 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 “IMT I.P.”, tel: (+351 21) 794 90 00.

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 prohibited from 8h00 to 10h00 and from 11h30 to 19h00.

Porto

The transit, loading or unloading of HGVs is forbidden in Porto between 14h00 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 Cinco de Outubro, Rua Domingos Sequeira, Rua Quinta Amarela, 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, Av. Gustavo Eiffel, Tunel da Ribeira, Rua do Infante D. Henrique, Rua Nova da Alfandega, Rua de Monchique, Cais das Pedras, Alameda Basilio Teles, Cais do Bicalho and Rua do Ouro.

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.

Other cities

Other cities have local driving restrictions. Restricted areas are signposted.

Public holidays 2016

1 January	New Year's Day
25 March	Good Friday
27 March	Easter Sunday
25 April	Liberation Day
1 May	Labour Day
10 June	National Day
15 August	Assumption
8 December	Immaculate Conception
25 December	Christmas Day

Information: For 2016, the Portuguese Government maintains the elimination of four national holidays (26 May - 5 October - 1 November - 1 December).

Source: ANTRAM, December 2015