



Driving restrictions, goods transport Belarus

There are no driving restrictions on international HGV traffic on Sundays or on public holidays.

Temporary spring restrictions - **update**

In accordance with the Republic of Belarus' Ministry of Transport and Communications Decree №3 dated 28 February 2017, temporary axle load restrictions for heavy goods vehicles between 6t and 9t in Belarus will be in effect from 15 March to 25 April 2017.

The map showing the public roads concerned is accessible [here](#).

Temporary restrictions do not apply to:

~~– vehicles, self-propelled vehicles transporting passengers, live animals, flowers, humanitarian aid, concrete and asphalt mixes, bitumen used for the road works, dangerous goods, perishable goods, grain, animal feed, rapeseed;~~

~~– vehicles, self-propelled vehicles, carrying out activity on maintenance, repair and development (construction, renovation) of public roads;~~

~~– vehicles, self-propelled vehicles, transports related to the prevention and elimination of emergency situations and the consequences of accidents.~~

Please note that, on 12 April 2017, the temporary restrictions of loads on the axis of vehicles, self-propelled vehicles with respect to the republican public highways in the spring period have been abolished.

The Resolution № 10 of the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Belarus dated April 03, 2017 "On Amendments to Resolution № 3 of the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Belarus dated February 28, 2017 " came into effect on April 12, 2017 at 00:00 a.m., providing for the removal of imposed temporal restrictions for the axle loads of the vehicles, self-propelled vehicles with respect to the Republican public roads in the spring period.

The above-mentioned Resolution was published on the National Legal Internet portal of the Republic of Belarus under this link: <http://www.pravo.by/document/?guid=12551&p0=W21731944&p1=1&p5=0>

Temporary summer restrictions

In accordance with the Republic of Belarus' Ministry of Transport and Communications Decree №3 dated 28 February 2017, temporary axle load restrictions for heavy goods vehicles on motorways in Belarus will be in effect from 23 May to 31 August 2017.

Therefore, from 23 May 2017 during daylight hours (from 11:00 to 20:00 inclusive) when air temperature exceeds +25°C, traffic on motorways with asphalt concrete surfaces will be limited for vehicles with loads of not more than 6t on a single axle.

Temporary restrictions do not apply to:

- vehicles, self-propelled vehicles transporting passengers, live animals, flowers, humanitarian aid, concrete and asphalt mixes, bitumen used for the road works, dangerous goods, perishable goods, grain, animal feed, rapeseed;

- vehicles driving on toll roads;
- vehicles engaged in the carriage of animal waste for recycling and (or) processing;
- vehicles, self-propelled vehicles, carrying out activity on maintenance, repair and development (construction, renovation) of public roads;
- vehicles, self-propelled vehicles, transports related to the prevention and elimination of emergency situations and the consequences of accidents.

Temporary signposts are on motorways giving restriction details. Truck parking areas are intended for vehicles subject to the restrictions. Heavy goods vehicle traffic will be constantly monitored.

The above-mentioned temporary restrictions are due to the fact that at high temperatures the deformation and strength properties of the coatings containing organic binders are being significantly deteriorated.

The asphalt concrete pavement under the influence of high axial transport loads is being deformed, resulting in dents, shifts, sags, hillocks, cavities and deep-rutted roads. Therefore, the decision to restrict the road traffic in the summer period was adopted in order to protect the integrity of the road. It's worthwhile to note that this practice has been implemented in Belarus for more than 10 years. It is accepted as well in many countries with the similar climatic conditions.

This restriction applies to the empty trucks as well.

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