Driving restrictions, goods transport
Belarus

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

Temporary summer restrictions

In accordance with the Republic of Belarus' Ministry of Transport and Communications Decree №7 dated 10 March 2015, temporary axle load restrictions for heavy goods vehicles on motorways in Belarus will be in effect from 20 May to 31 August 2015.

Therefore, from 20 May 2015 during daylight hours (from 11:00 to 21:00 inclusive) when air temperature exceeds +25°C, traffic on motorways with asphalt concrete surfaces will be limited for vehicles with loads of 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 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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