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**Information on new Bulgarian order regarding temporary
traffic restrictions for heavy-duty trucks over 12 tonnes during
public holidays in 2026**

During official holidays in 2026, heavy-duty trucks over 12 tonnes will be restricted from traveling on the Trakia, Hemus, and Struma motorways during peak hours.

During public holidays in 2026, traffic restrictions will be temporarily imposed on heavy-duty trucks over 12 tonnes on the busiest road sections of the Trakia, Hemus and Struma motorways and a section of road I-1 in the Blagoevgrad region. The goal is to make travel easier at a time when most people are planning trips during the long weekend, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce the risk of accidents caused by improper overtaking and the formation of convoys of heavy-duty trucks during periods of heavy traffic.

The [order](#) regulating traffic on the Trakia Motorway, Hemus Motorway – in the section from Sofia (*km 0*) to the roundabout intersection with road I-4 (*km 87*), the Struma Motorway and national road I-1 in the section from the Simitli road junction (*km 376*) to the Kresna road junction on the Struma Motorway (*km 402*), on certain public holidays has been published on the website of the Road Infrastructure Agency. It outlines the upcoming restrictions on the passage of heavy-duty trucks on the specified days and times.

We would like to remind you that the draft order was published for public consultation in November 2025, and all interested parties had one month to submit their comments and opinions on the proposed change in traffic organisation. This order has been agreed upon with both the relevant state institutions and the non-governmental sector.

In 2026, heavy-duty trucks are expected to be subject to restrictions on the following days and times:

- on Bulgaria's National Day – March 3, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
- on Easter – April 9, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., April 10, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and April 13, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
- on Labor Day (May 1) – April 30, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., May 1, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and May 3, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
- on St. George's Day (May 6) – May 5, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and May 6, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
- on the Day of Bulgarian Education and Culture and Slavic Literature (May 24) – May 22, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., May 23, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and May 25, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
- on Unification Day (September 6) – September 4, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., September 5, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and September 7, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
- on Independence Day (September 22) – September 18, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and September 22, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
- on Christmas and New Year's Eve – December 23, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., December 24, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and December 28, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The introduced traffic regulations will ease traffic during the holidays for passenger cars and light commercial vehicles, as well as reduce the risk of road accidents.

On the last working day and the first day of the holiday, heavy-duty trucks over 12 tonnes will travel without restrictions on the Hemus, Trakia, and Struma motorways in the direction of Sofia. On the last day of the holiday, traffic of motor vehicles over 12 tonnes will be restricted on motorway sections only for those travelling to Sofia. There will be no restrictions on traffic leaving the capital. The restriction

does not apply to roadside assistance with specialised equipment for the repatriation of all types of motor vehicles.

On the Hemus Motorway, in the section from Sofia (*km 0*) to the roundabout intersection with road I-4 (*km 87*), on the Struma Motorway and national road I-1 in the section from the Simitli junction (*km 376*) to the Kresna junction on the Struma Motorway (*km 402*), the restriction does not apply to road vehicles over 12 t that provide public passenger transport, as well as to motor vehicles that transport dangerous goods (ADR), live animals, perishable foodstuffs and temperature-controlled goods, and specialised carcass trucks.

On the Trakia Motorway, the restriction does not apply to vehicles over 12 tonnes that provide public passenger transport. In the direction of Sofia on the motorway, the restriction does not apply to motor vehicles transporting dangerous goods (ADR) in the section from the Ihtiman junction (*km 34*) to the Vakare junction (*km 23*).

During the restriction on peak days and hours, drivers of heavy-duty trucks over 12 tonnes may use other sections of the national road network as alternative routes, subject to the permanent traffic organisation in force for them.