



RESOLUTION of 4 March 2005, of the Spanish Traffic Directorate establishing Special traffic regulation measures.

Due to road safety and traffic flow purposes with regard to those days when massive travel can be predicted in advance, and with the aim of avoiding the intrinsic danger implied by the load of certain vehicles, special traffic control measures have been established in accordance with the provisions set out by article 5, paragraphs k) m) and n) and article 16 of the Road Traffic, Motor Vehicles and Road Safety Act approved by Royal Decree 339/1990 of 2nd March (published in Boletín Oficial del Estado nº 63 of 14th March 1990), as well as articles 37 and 39 of the Traffic General Regulation, endorsed by the Royal Decree 1428/2003 of 21st November (published in Boletín Oficial del Estado nº 306 of 23rd November 2003) and article 14th of the Vehicle General Regulation approved by Royal Decree 2822/1998 of 23rd December (published in Boletín Oficial del Estado nº 22 of 26th January 1999)

Consequently, and in a joint way with the responsible entities depending on the Ministries of the Interior and Public Works, this General Directorate establishes the following measures on public roads outside built-up areas and roads crossing built-up areas which are mentioned in paragraphs i) and k) of the article 5 of the Traffic, Motor Vehicles and Road Safety Act:

FIRST: *TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS.*

The following traffic restrictions will be applicable:

A) *Sport Competitions, cycling competitions and other events:* As provided by article 55 of the Traffic General Regulation and Annex II to the Traffic General Regulation. During the days and hours mentioned in Annex I to this Resolution, it will be neither permitted nor favourably approved to celebrate any sort of sport activity, whether competitive or not, when it would imply an occupation of the carriageway or the hard-shoulder, as well as those competition which are developed on motorways, except on those joint sections considered essential. It will not apply for international competitions specifically authorized or favourably reported by the Local Traffic Authorities or the Traffic Directorate, where appropriate.

Cycling competitions and triathlon will be assumed to be international when included in the World or Continental seasons of the International Cyclist Union, and in the International Triathlon Union, respectively.

B) *Vehicles for goods transport.* On roads where enforcement is carried out by the Central Traffic Authority, it will be forbidden the transit of:

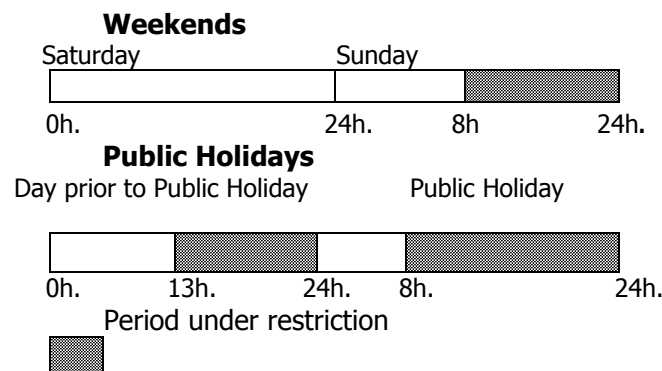
**B.1. Goods in general:**

On sections and for days and hours listed on the Annex II to this Resolution, for all vehicles exceeding 7.500 kg of maximum authorized mass and for the ensemble of vehicles of any authorized mass whatsoever.

They are excluded from this prohibition all vehicles or ensemble of vehicles of whatever authorized mass carrying livestock or raw milk.

B.2. Hazardous Goods:

B.2.1 - On Sundays and Public Holidays, within the relevant territory, from 08:00 to 24:00, and days prior – not Saturdays – to these Public Holidays, from 13:00 to 24:00, as well as on the days and hours contained on Annex VI, for vehicles which must carry the regulatory danger warning signs according to the European Agreement on the Road Transport of Dangerous Goods (ADR). In case of one public holidays after another, restrictions for the first one will only apply from 8:00 to 15:00 h. All these will not affect to temporary restrictions which might be imposed due to local Public Holidays.



B.2.2 - According to article 4.3 of Royal Decree 2115/1998 of 2nd October on Dangerous goods transport (published in Boletín Oficial del Estado nº 248 of 16th October 1998, the routes to be followed by vehicles used for the transport of hazardous goods will be:

On trips meant for distribution and delivery purposes: Those trips made for distribution and delivery of hazardous goods to their end-users or consumers will always take the more suitable route, both from the point of view of road safety as well as of traffic flow. Covering the minimum possible distance along conventional roads until the point where the goods are to be delivered and in case of being more than itineraries, the more external one to the town will be chosen. Taking diverting roads, relief roads or ring roads, if they exist, will be compulsory. Entering into the city centre will not be allowed, except for loading and unloading operations, and always through the nearest access to the delivery point, save in cases of force majeure.



Other type of trips: If the departure and arrival points of trips are included within the RIMP (Red de itinerarios para mercancías peligrosas, Network of Hazardous Goods Transport Itineraries) included in Annex IV to this Resolution, transportation vehicles must compulsorily use these itineraries. If one of these points, or both, are outside the RIMP, trips should be made by conventional roads which will allow to join this Network through the closest access or exit; thus, ensuring that trips on single-carriageway roads are as short as possible.

The traffic on roads other than those specified here will require that the trip would not take cross-town links (roads across built-up areas) or if unavoidable, it would do so through those urban connections considered as less dangerous according to traffic intensity, traffic classification and distribution, size of the urban area, urban shape, lay-out and regulation. Besides, it will be compulsory to inform the Sub sector of the Traffic Command of Guardia Civil of the relevant province in advance, at least 24 hours before the trip. They will authorise, if appropriate, the use of the new route.

Similarly, it will be possible to leave the RIMP for those routes which departure or arrival will be the hauler's residence, those to comply with daily or weekly rests, as well as those for the performance of repairing or maintenance operations of the vehicle, if specified parking conditions contained in the ADR are complied with.

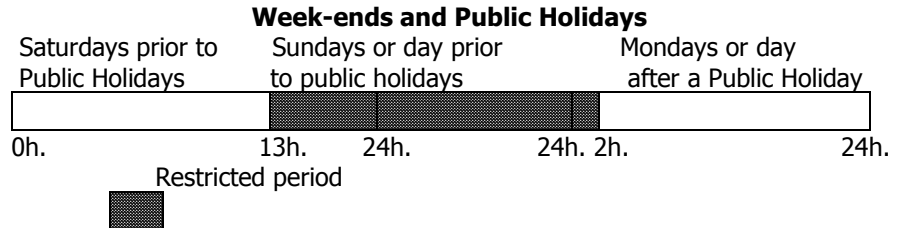
The above mentioned provisions will not apply when transport of this kind of goods are carried out following some of the exemptions appearing in the ADR regarding the load, limited quantity or type of transport.

B.2.3 - Vehicles carrying goods mentioned in Annex III to this Resolution, and according to the conditions determined in it will be excluded from the prohibitions established on paragraphs B.2.1 and B.2.2

B.2.4 - Vehicles listed in paragraph B.2 will only be allowed to travel on sections included in Annex V to this resolution on days and hours stated on the said Annex.

B.3. Vehicles requiring supplementary authorization to travel due to their technical features, to the indivisible load they carry, to their maximum allowed masses or dimensions.

These vehicles will not be allowed to travel from 13:00 of Saturday or of a day prior to a Public Holiday within the relevant territory – national or of the Autonomous Community - and until 02:00 of Monday or the day immediately after a Public Holiday, as well as on the days and hours set up on Annex II and VI of this resolution.

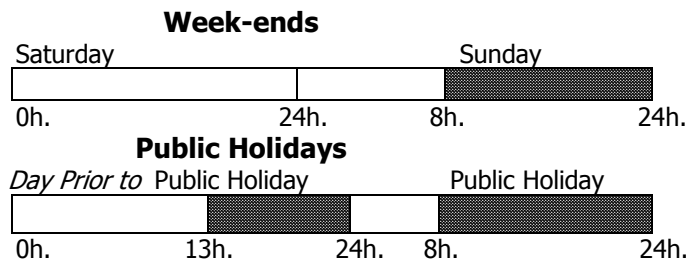


Vehicles under the special transport regime provided with the supplementary authorisation of general category which travel unloaded, will not be allowed to do so on the roads enforced by the Central Traffic Authority on sections and during days and hours mentioned in Annex II to this Resolution.

C) *Special Vehicles:*

C. 1. The transit of agricultural machinery, industrial machinery and service vehicles will not be allowed on sections and during the days and hours mentioned in Annex II to this Resolution.

C. 2. *Motorized service machinery, lifting cranes* will not be allowed to travel on Sundays and Public Holidays within the relevant territory – national or of Autonomous Community - from 8:00 to 24:00, as well as on days prior to those public holidays – not Saturdays – from 13:00 to 24:00 as well as on the days and hours stated on Annex II and VI to this resolution. In case of one public holidays after another, restrictions for the first one will only apply from 8:00 to 15:00 h.



For breakdown vans carrying out assistance works to broken down vehicles or in case of accidents: Restrictions will not apply at the site of event or when travelling to the nearest point where the vehicle can be left neither to the return trip unloaded.

D) *High Occupancy Vehicle Lane (HOV):* they will be considered as such those lanes in the middle carriageway of the road A-6 from kilometre 6 to 20. The minimum number of occupants per vehicle will be two counting the driver. These lanes can also be used by motorcycles, private cars and adaptable mixed vehicles. This lane could also be used, even if only the driver is in the vehicle by the vehicles just mentioned when displaying the V-15 sign, by two-wheeled motorcycles and by buses with maximum authorized mass



exceeding 3.500 kg as well as articulated buses. Thus, traffic will not be allowed for the rest of vehicles including private cars with trailers, mopeds and cycles.

E) Other regulation measures for exceptional circumstances:

In order to achieve the better traffic flow under exceptional circumstances such as public holidays, season holidays, massive travel, high intensity traffic flow or adverse weather conditions or its forecast, the Enforcement patrols of the Guardia Civil will adopt regulation measures for such conditions.

It will not affect the obligation for lorries with a maximum authorized mass exceeding 3.500 kg, buses and ensembles of vehicles to travel on the right lane of the road. It is strictly forbidden to overtake vehicles travelling at a slower speed, or to pass them, in case of snowfall or ice.

SECOND: *DISCIPLINARY AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES*

Offences against the regulation measures herein contained will be punished, if applicable, according to the terms of the regulatory text of the Traffic, Motor Vehicles and Road Safety Act. The enforcement patrols of the Guardia Civil will additionally apply in situ the supplementary measure of impounding the vehicle when its travelling could endanger or causes serious hindrance to normal patterns of traffic. If necessary, the withdrawal and deposit of it will also apply until the prohibition is lifted or it is allowed to go.

THIRD – *EXCEPTIONAL CASES FOR LIFTING RESTRICTIONS*

Exceptionally, when special circumstances could make it advisable and for the period under restrictions set up by this resolution, the Traffic General Directorate will appropriately instruct Enforcement Patrols of the Guardia Civil to allow the travelling of vehicles included in Section first paragraph B.1.

FINAL PROVISION: *COMING INTO FORCE*

This Resolution will come into force after the eighth working day following its publication in the <<Boletín Oficial del Estado>>

Madrid, 4th March 2005
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