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1. Useful information

1.1. Driving restrictions, goods transport

1.1.1. Driving ban around Christmas in Hungary

According to the communication of the Ministry of National Development in Hungary, overtaking ban will be introduced in Hungary for HGV (heavy goods vehicle) with a PTW over 7.5 tons from the 1st of January 2011 on the 2x2 lane motorways and highways every day from 6 am to 10 pm.

To avoid the formation of impenetrable walls of HGVs a distance between the vehicles/units should be kept to allow another HGV unit also under the effect of the ban to get in lane between 2 vehicles/units securely.

The Highway Code will be modified in this respect soon.

Vehicles concerned:

→ goods vehicles,
→ agricultural tractors and their trailers over the MPW of 7.5 t

Region:

→ Throughout the road and motorway network

Restrictions:

→ from 1 July to 31 August:
  from Saturday 3pm to Sunday 10pm
  from 10pm on the eve of a public holiday to 10pm on the day of the holiday
→ from 1 September to 30 June:
  from 10pm on the eve of Sundays and public holidays to 10pm on Sundays and public holidays

NB: when a public holiday precedes a Saturday or Sunday within the period of 1 July- 31 August or a Sunday within the period of 1 September - 30 June, the driving restrictions apply nonstop from 8am on the first day to 10pm on the last day.
During the winter period (from 4 November to 1 March) vehicles at least Euro 3 operating in international transport are exempted from the a/m restrictions.

Exceptions:

→ Vehicles operated by the armed forces, police, national security services, prison authorities, fire brigade, civil defence, customs authorities, National Transport Authority and emergency vehicles;

→ In case of combined transport - according to the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Hungary on the conditions of road transport and the promotion of combined transport:
   a) Vehicles travelling between the combined transport terminal and the place of loading or unloading, or
   b) between the combined transport terminal nearest to the border crossing point and the border crossing point;

→ Vehicles used
   a) for prevention or assistance in cases of disaster;
   b) in cases of accident or breakdown;
   c) for humanitarian consignments (with appropriate documentation);
   d) for transport of exclusively fresh flowers or plants;
   e) for postal services, newspapers;
   f) in community work (including town/village cleaning services, waste removal, public utilities repair services);
   g) for transport of liquid gas for consumption by vehicles at least EURO 3;
   h) in the construction, maintenance, repair or cleaning of roads, railways and public utilities;
   i) for the transport of either harvested crops or fodder or for the relocation of agricultural machines or slow vehicles;
→ Vehicles transporting livestock, fresh milk, fresh dairy product, fresh and deep-frozen meat and meat products, fresh bakery products or other perishable foodstuffs, vegetables, eggs; and the empty vehicles in this connection;

→ Vehicles travelling from the Hungarian border to the nearest parking area designated by the transport authorities for this purpose;

→ During the period of the summer bans the vehicles travelling from the border to their premises in Hungary or to the first unloading place, excepted some routes listed below (1.1.2.)

→ Vehicles used for the transport of equipment or livestock necessary for cultural, business or sport events (including transport in connection with radio, television or cinema recordings);

→ Moving (house) of citizens;

→ Vehicles involved in the transport to and from railway stations, river ports or airports (between the premises of the consignor/consignee and the nearest such station, port or airport) of goods arriving or forwarded during the period affected by the prohibition;

→ Articulated vehicles' tractor with a permitted total weight of maximum 7.5t without the semitrailer, at least EURO 3.

1.1.2. Driving ban during the summer period

List of routes that cannot be used during the ban of the summer period, not even by the vehicles exempted from the ban:

→ the whole length of M7 motorway

→ the main road No 2 : Budapest - Parassapuszta section,

→ the whole length of the highway 2/A,

→ the main road No 6 : Dunaújváros - Budapest section,

→ main road No 7,

→ the main road No 10: Dorog - Budapest section,

→ the main road No 11: Esztergom - Budapest section,

→ the whole length of the main road No 12,

→ the whole length of the road No 1201,
the main road No 51 from its intersection with the main road 510 to Dömsöd,
the whole length of the main road No 71,
the main road No 76 between the intersections with the main roads No 71 and 7 and between Zalaapáti and the main road No 71,
the main road No 55: Alsónyék - Baja section,
the main road No 82 from the main road No 8 to Veszprémvarsány,
the main road No 84 from Sümeg to the main road No 71,
the main road No 33: Dormánd - Debrecen section,
the main road No 86: Jánossomorja - Nemesbőd and Körmend - Zalabaksa sections,
the main road No 37: Miskolc - Sátoraljaújhely section,
the main road No 38: from its intersection with the main road No 37 to Rakamaz.

1.2. Public holidays in Hungary in 2011

1 January - New Year's Day
15 March - Revolution Day
24 - 25 April – Easter
1 May - Labour Day
12 June – Pentecost
13 June - Pentecost Monday
20 August – Saint Stephen's day
23 October – National Holiday (1956 Revolution memorial day)
1 November - All Saint's Day
25 December - Christmas day
26 December - Christmas day

Applications for the exemption from the driving ban should be addressed to the National Transport Authority (www.nkh.hu):
National Transport Authority (NKH)
1389 Budapest
PO. Box: 102
e-mail: office@nkh.gov.hu
Drivers must be in possession of the documents proving their exemption, and should present them on request to the relevant authorities.
1.3. **Drive-in permits in Budapest**

You can get detailed information on the following website: [www.parking.hu](http://www.parking.hu)

1.4. **Useful links**

**Hungarian legislation concerning the advantages for transport operators in combined transport in Hungary**

Hungarocombi homepage: [www.hungarokombi.hu](http://www.hungarokombi.hu)

2. **Weights and dimensions, Hungary**

2.1. **Operative technical conditions applicable to vehicle dimensions**

Date of entering into force: 24 April 2009

5. § (1) The width of a motorcycle sidecar cannot exceed 1.00 metre, the width of the superstructure of a vehicle with enhanced heat insulation cannot exceed 2.60 metres and the width of any other vehicle cannot exceed 2.55 metres.

(2) The height of a passenger car trailer cannot exceed 3.00 metres and the height of any other vehicle cannot exceed 4.00 metres.

(3) The authorised maximum length of vehicles:
   a) for two-axle buses/coaches: 13.50 metres
   b) for buses/coaches having more than 2 axles: 15.00 metres
   c) for other vehicles, excluding semi-trailers: 12.00 metres

The distance between the vertical plane of the rearmost point of a semi-trailer and the pivot axle cannot exceed 12.00 metres and the distance between any point in the front part of a semi-trailer and the pivot axle cannot exceed 2.04 metres. The maximum authorised length stipulated in bullets a) and b) shall be understood including any accessory fixed to the rear wall of the bus/coach from time to time.

(4) The maximum authorised length of combination of vehicles and articulated buses
   a) for combination of vehicles comprising a tractor and a semi-trailer: 16.50 metres,
b) for combination of vehicles comprising a motor vehicle, an agricultural tractor or a slow vehicle and a trailer, furthermore articulated buses: 18.75 metres,
c) for combination of vehicles comprising a tractor or an agricultural tractor and two trailers: 22.00 metres,
d) for combination of vehicles comprising a lorry and two trailers: 24.00 metres.

(5) The maximum authorised distance measured parallel with the longitudinal axis of a combination of vehicles:
   a) between the first external point of the loading surface behind the driver’s cab and the rearmost external point of the combination of vehicles’ trailer: 16.40 metres
   b) reducing the distance specified in bullet a) by the distance between the rear end of the motor vehicle and the front end of the trailer: 15.65 metres

(6) The distance between the back axle of a motor vehicle and the front axle of the trailer towed by it cannot be less than 3.00 metres.

(7) For the purposes of the maximum authorised width, the width dimensions of a vehicle shall not include:
   a) the rubber tyres near to their contact point with the ground and the connecting fixtures of the tyres’ pressure regulating and indicating facilities;
   b) snow chains and other, similar anti-skidding facilities fixed onto the tyres only temporarily;
   c) rear-view mirrors, which turn forward or backward upon the impact of a maximum force of 150 N and in this position do not exceed the otherwise authorised maximum width dimension;
   d) side blinkers and side marker lamps protruding less than 50 mm;
   e) customs seals affixed to shipments and the facilities used for their installation and protection.

(8) The rod collectors of trolley-buses shall not be included in the height dimension of the vehicle.

2.2. Operating technical conditions applicable to the weight of vehicle

6. § (1) The maximum authorised total weight of vehicles supplied with inflated tyres cannot exceed
   a) 18.0 tons for two-axle vehicles, excluding vehicles specified in bullet
      a. vehicles below 20.0 tons used exclusively in domestic traffic,
b) for three-axle
   a. vehicles, excluding vehicles specified in bullet b) below: 25.0 tons,
   b. for vehicles having a road-saving group of axles: 26.0 tons,
   c. for trailers: 24.0 tons,

b) for three-axle
   a. vehicles, excluding vehicles specified in bullet b) below: 25.0 tons,
   b. for vehicles having a road-saving group of axles: 26.0 tons,
   c. for trailers: 24.0 tons,

c) for vehicles with four or more axles, excluding vehicles specified in bullet ca) below 30.0 tons,  
   a. for vehicles with two steered axles, furthermore a road-saving group of axles: 32.0 tons

(2) The total weight of a four-axle vehicle expressed in tons cannot exceed fivefold the distance between its foremost and rearmost axles expressed in metres.

(3) The maximum authorised joint weight of combination of vehicles supplied with inflated tyres cannot exceed
   a) 28.0 tons for three-axle combination of vehicles or articulated vehicles, 
   b) 36.0 tons for four-axle combination of vehicles comprising a two-axle motor vehicle and 
       a. a two-axle trailer or semi-trailer, excluding combination of vehicles specified in 
           bullet b) below, but including four-axle articulated vehicles as well, 
       b. 38.0 tons, if comprising a two-axle semi-trailer, if the interaxis of the semi-trailer is minimum 1.8 metres and the motor vehicle has a road-saving axle. 
   c) 40.0 tons for combination of vehicles having five or more axles, excluding combination of vehicles specified in bullet a) below, furthermore articulated vehicles, 
       a. 44.0 tons for combination of vehicles, whose semi-trailer carries a “40-feet-long ISO container”

(4) Those vehicles shall be considered as supplied with inflated tyres, whose tyres’ value is at least equal to that of the inflated tyres regarding road load.

(5) The maximum authorised total weight of vehicles not supplied with inflated tyres — excluding crawler vehicles — cannot exceed 12.0 tons.
2.3. **Operating technical conditions applicable to the axle load of vehicles**

7. § (1) The axle load of vehicles supplied with inflated tyres, excluding the case specified in par. (7) below, cannot exceed

    a) 10.0 tons for non-driven axles, and
    b) 11.5 tons for driven axles.

(2) If the distance (‘d’) between the adjacent axles of a group of two axles

    a) is less than 1.00 meter (d < 1.00 m), the two axles shall be considered as one for the purposes of the authorised axle load, and the maximum authorised joint axle load of such a group of axles is
        a. 11.0 tons for trailers and semi-trailers,
        b. 11.5 tons for motor vehicles,
    b) is minimum 1.00 metre and less than 1.30 metres (1.00 m ≤ d < 1.30 m), the maximum authorised joint axle load of such a group of axles is 16.0 tons for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers,
    c) is minimum 1.30 metres and less than 1.80 metres (1.30 m ≤ d < 1.80 m), the maximum authorised joint axle load of such a group of axles is
        a. 18.0 tons for non-road-saving groups of axles, and
        b. 19.0 tons for road-saving groups of axles.

(3) If the distance (‘d’) between the adjacent axles of a group of axles comprising three axles

    a. is maximum 1.30 metres (d ≤ 1.30 m), the maximum authorised joint axle load of such a group of axles is
        a. 21.0 tons for the trailer and the semi-trailer, and
        b. 22.0 tons for the motor vehicle,
    b. is more than 1.30 metres (1.30m < d), the maximum authorised joint axle load of such a group of axles is 24.0 tons.

(4) That axle should be considered as part of a group of axles, whose distance from its adjacent axle is less than 1.80 metres (d < 1.80 m).

(5) If a vehicle’s right and left wheels are not in the same centre line, but this deviation is less than 0.50 metres, such wheels should be considered as located on the same axle for the purposes of the maximum authorised axle load.

(6) The wheels located on the same side whose centre lines are located in a distance of less than 1.00 metre from each other, shall be considered as one wheel for the purposes of the axle load.
(7) For those vehicles, which have in a configuration to be considered one axle for the purposes of the maximum authorised axle load:

   a. a total of four or more wheels/pairs of wheels on two independent wheel suspensions and the distance of their mid-planes measured axially is minimum 0.65 metres, or
   
   b. three or more independently suspended wheels or groups of wheels, the maximum authorised axle load specified in par. (1) and (2) can be exceeded by 20%.

(8) The maximum authorised axle load of vehicles not supplied with inflated tyres — excluding crawler vehicles — is 6 tons.

For the purposes of this Decree:

   a. the following driven axle of a vehicle shall be considered as road-saving axle:
      
      a. the driven axle which is supplied with four tyres (dual tyres), and
      
      b. has a bumper bag or any other suspension facility equal to this in value
   
   b. the group of axles comprising of two axles shall be considered as road-saving ones if
      
      a. one of its axles is a road-saving axle, and
      
      b. its driven axle/axles have dual tyres, furthermore its axle loads do not exceed 9.5 tons.

3. Tariffs

3.1. Road use charges in Hungary, 2011

3.1.1. Categories

➔ **D1**: vehicles or combinations up to the maximum authorized total weight of 3.5 t (included) with or without trailer

➔ **D2**: vehicles or combinations up to the maximum authorized total weight of 7.5 t (included), with or without trailer

➔ **D3**: vehicles or combinations up to the maximum authorized total weight over 7.5 t , up to 12 t (included) , with or without trailer

➔ **D4**: all the vehicles not included in D1, D2 and D3 categories.
Coaches over the maximum authorized total weight of 7.5t should be classed into the next lowest category as they would be according their maximum authorized total weight. (e.g. a coach with the maximum authorized total weight of 20t would fall within the category D3)

3.1.2. Tariffs in 2011

Amounts in HUF, VAT included

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<tr>
<th>Validity / category</th>
<th>1-day</th>
<th>4-days</th>
<th>Weekly (10 days)</th>
<th>Monthly</th>
<th>Annual</th>
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Toll payment through the Internet ([click here!](#))
Toll payment with mobile phone or bank card ([click here!](#))
3.1.3. **Fines**

Fine must be paid for illegal use of the roads. Fine levels:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category D1</th>
<th>Category D2</th>
<th>Category D3</th>
<th>Category D4</th>
<th>Due date</th>
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<td>13,750</td>
<td>38,750</td>
<td>58,750</td>
<td>73,750</td>
<td>within 15 days</td>
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<td>68,750</td>
<td>193,750</td>
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<td>368,750</td>
<td>over 15 days</td>
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3.2. **Abnormal Loads in Hungary**

**Authorisations**

→ Special authorisations are required for the carriage of indivisible heavy and bulky loads or dangerous goods.

→ Application for special authorisation and further information:

  **Magyar Közút Nonprofit Zrt.**  
  Route license department  
  Mailing address: 1535 Budapest, Pf. 749  
  Phone: (+ 36 1) 819-9034  
  Working hours: 8 am – 12 am  
  www.kozut.hu

→ The basic fee of the special authorisation is 1,000 HUF (tax not included).

→ This sum is multiplied by 2 - 8 depending on different conditions (urgency, period of validity of the authorisation, complexity of the transport etc.)

→ There are some transports exempted from the excess weight fee, e.g:

  On rail/road, waterway/road combined transport there is a tolerance of 10 % on the total weight and the axle weight on the territory of Hungary if the distance between the kombi terminal and the Ro-Ro port and the loading/unloading (indicated in advance) is not exceeding 70 kms.
→ Even in case of exemption from the payment of the excess weight fee the transport operator has to have a special authorisation.

→ If he does not have it at the moment of the control, he should pay the excess weight fee in plus.

→ Please note that drivers transporting abnormal loads without the required authorisation or without having paid the necessary taxes will have to pay fine on the top of the normally due taxes.

**Fees for excess weight**

On the basis of the Act 26/2009 (VI.22.) KHEM on the circulation of vehicles exceeding the maximal permitted weights and/or dimensions in Hungary:

Operators of vehicles which exceed the maximum authorised weights and/or dimensions must apply for a special authorisation issued only in case of indivisible loads and if other mode of transport is not possible, and pay excess weight fees.

**Rates are as follows (as of 7.07.2009):**

**Maximum permitted weight:** tax payable on vehicles whose MPW exceeds the authorised limits:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>MPW</th>
<th>Tax (HUF/km)</th>
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<td>40.01 t - 50.00 t</td>
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<td>75.01 t - 80.00 t</td>
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<th>Excess weight (t)</th>
<th>Tax (HUF/km)</th>
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<td>0,5 t - 1,00 t</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td>1,0 t - 1,50 t</td>
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<td>1,5 t - 2,00 t</td>
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<td>1100</td>
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<tr>
<td>4,5 t - 5,00 t</td>
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Over 6t per additional 10t or fraction there of extra HUF 480/km

### 3.3. Axle weight

Tax payable on vehicles - equipped with rubber tyres - whose axle weight exceeds the authorised limits:

1. **Single axle**

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<td>85,01 t - 90,00 t</td>
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<td>90,01 t - 95,00 t</td>
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<td>95,01 t - 100,00 t</td>
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Hungarian Road Transport Association
1149 Budapest, 77 Egressy Road

Telephone: +36 1 252-0688
E-mail: posta@mkfe.hu
Over 6 t per additional 0.5t or fraction thereof extra 300 HUF/km.

### 2. Tandem axle

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Over 9 t per additional 1.0t or fraction thereof extra HUF 300/km.
### 3. Tridem axle

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Over 12 t per additional 1.0t or fraction thereof extra 250 HUF/km
Axle weight:

Tax payable on vehicles - not equipped with rubber tyres - whose axle weight exceeds the authorised limits:

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Over 6t per additional 0.5t or fraction thereof 150 HUF/km.

There is 1t of tolerance in case of transport of live animals and of transport of liquid in tanker in accordance with the regulation of issuing a permit.

At the border checkpoint to the territory of Hungary, the dimensions of the vehicle cannot exceed the following specifications:

Length: 22 m  
Width: 3.2 m  
Height: 4.2 m  
Total weight: 50 tonnes (including the loads)
3.4. Vehicle tax, goods transport in Hungary

Goods vehicles registered in an EU member state are not subject to vehicle tax. Goods vehicles registered in a non EU-member country and whose road transport authorisation does not exempt them from the tax, become liable for motor vehicle tax as soon as they enter Hungarian territory and remain so until they leave the country. Vehicles are subject to a flat rate tax, the amount of which depends on the type of transport operation (bilateral transport or transit transport) and the maximum permitted weight of the vehicle, irrespective of whether the vehicle is loaded or empty.

Rates are as follows:

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* for taxation purposes, third country transport falls into this category

- The tax covers a maximum period of 48 hours irrespective of the type of transport operation. Consequently, if the transport operation exceeds 48 hours, the same sum shall be due for each additional period of 48 hours or part thereof. In the case of bilateral transport destined for Hungary, tax for the whole transport operation (entry to and exit from Hungary) must be paid. In the case of transit transport, the tax shall be paid separately for the outward and the inward journeys.

- The tax must be paid by means of a tax stamp. The stamp must be attached to the road transport authorisation when the vehicle enters Hungarian territory. Hauliers must fill in the time of entry (year, month, day, hour) on the stamp. If a haulier enters Hungary via an EU internal
border, the stamp may be displayed and the date added within 5km of the entry point. Failure to do so will result in a fine.

→ If a haulier does not pay or does not fill in the stamp correctly, the customs authority may levy the unpaid tax plus a penalty of five times its amount. This must be paid on the spot either by means of a tax stamp or in cash. The corresponding receipt certifies that the compulsory payment has been made. The customs authority may prevent the vehicle from continuing its journey. In exceptional cases, the tax liability falls retroactively on the owner (operator) of the vehicle.

→ Companies such as forwarders, filling stations and currency exchanges operating on EU internal borders or within 5kms of the border as well as those operating on EU external borders (Croatia, Serbia-Montenegro, Ukraine) are authorised to sell the stamps required for payment of the tax.

Legal regulation


The most important changes are the following:

→ From 19 January, 2005 drivers who are not EU citizens but working for a Hungarian goods transport operator enterprise shall hold a driving license issued by the regional traffic supervision.

→ From 11 February, 2005 bills of freight and waybills shall be of a type with strictly registered numbering.

→ As for the transportation of bulk goods by a vehicle (or train of vehicles), the economic organisation conducting such activities shall hold a bill of weight issued upon the weighing of the vehicle (or train of vehicles) at the point of loading using authenticated equipment (authenticated scales) or at the weighing point nearest to the transport route but issued not later than the unloading of the goods on the basis of a weighing at the point of unloading using authenticated scales.