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شرکت محترم حمل و نقل بین المللی (عضو و غیر عضو)

موضوع: یادآوری آخرین مقررات ابعاد و اوزان مجاز و محدودیت های ترافیکی و غیر ترافیکی در قلمروهای آلمان و چک با تقدیم درود و احترام،

مدیریت کل گرامی دفتر ترانزیت و حمل و نقل بین المللی طی نامه شماره ۱۷۸۳۱۰/۷۴/۳ مورخ ۱۳۹۸/۱۲/۷، آخرین مقررات ابعاد و اوزان مجاز و محدودیت های ترافیکی و غیر ترافیکی تردد به قلمرو کشورهای آلمان و چک را منضم به خلاصه اطلاعات حمل و نقلی این دو کشور واصله از تارنمای ایرو را جهت آگاهی و اطلاع رسانی به شرکتهای محترم حمل و نقل بین المللی به انجمن ارسال نموده است که در سامانه انجمن بارگذاری شده است. در ضمن چنانچه هر گونه ابهاماتی در خصوص موارد فوق مد نظر باشد، بسیار ممنون خواهد شد مراتب را به دفتر مذکور منعکس تا از مجاری ذیربط مورد پیگیری قرار گیرد. /ر

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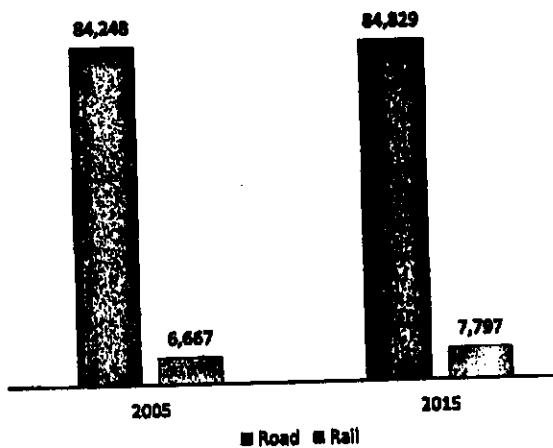
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Contracting Party to 36 UN Transport Conventions under the purview of UNECE Inland Transport Committee. Contracting Party to 13 UN Road Safety Conventions.

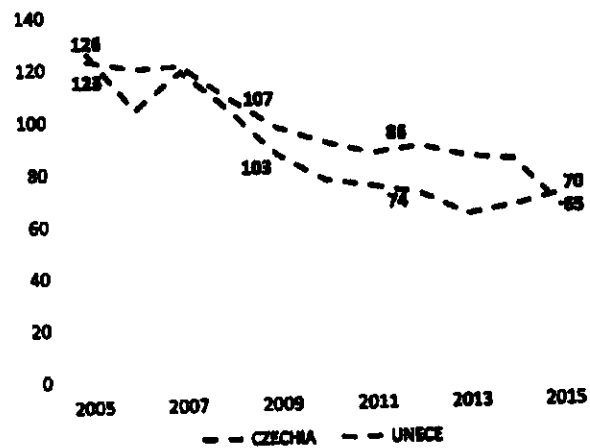
Road and rail traffic	
Number of passenger cars (thousand), 2015	5,115
Motorization rate (No. of passenger cars per thousand inhabitants), 2015	485
Passenger-km by road (million), 2015	84,829
Tonne-km by road (million), 2015	58,714
Passenger-km by rail (million), 2015	7,797
Tonne-km by rail (million), 2015	14,574
Tonne-km by Inland Waterways (million), 2015	35

Road safety statistics	
Fatalities, 2015	734
Injured, 2015	26,891
Injury accidents, 2015	21,561
Road quality, per	
Million Inhabitants, 2015	70
100,000 passenger cars, 2015	14
Severity of road traffic accidents	
Fatalities per 1,000 injury accidents, 2015	34

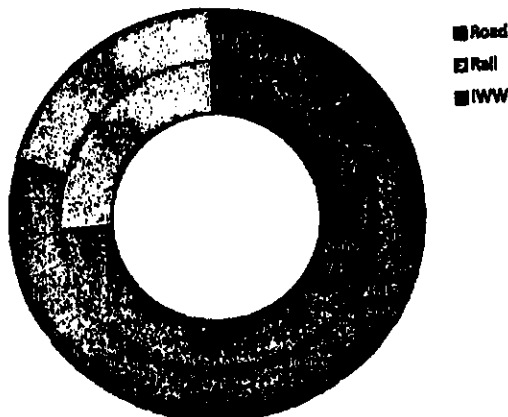
Passenger-km by road and by rail (million)¹



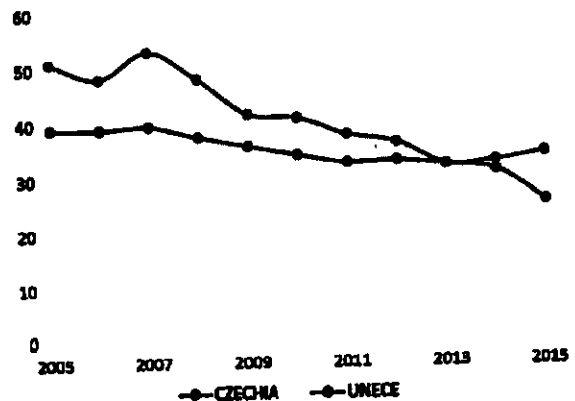
Fatalities per million inhabitants



Inland transport modal split - Freight (Tonne-km)



Severity of road traffic accidents (Fatalities per 1,000 injury accidents)



Source: UNECE Transport Statistics Database.

Note: For road safety graphics, UNECE refers to the average value of UNECE member States. IWW = inland waterways

¹ In 2010 there was a change in road traffic census methodology for passenger kilometers by road

- Not applicable / .. Not available.

**Bilateral agreements
Czech Republic**

The Czech Republic has concluded bilateral agreements on road transport with the following countries:

- A Austria**
 - Agreement on the occasional transport of passengers by coach (came into force on 30.5.00)
 - Agreement on the regular transport of passengers by coach (came into force on 30.5.00)
 - Agreement on the international transport of goods by road (came into force on 1.3.01)
 - Additional protocol on the promotion of combined transport (came into force on 1.3.01)
- AL Albania**
 - Agreement of 7.1.91 on international road transport (came into force on 7.1.91)
- B Belgium**
 - Agreement of 17.4.68 on international road transport (came into force on 31.10.68)
- BG Bulgaria**
 - Agreement of 24.7.75 on international road transport (came into force on 4.2.76)
- BY Belarus**
 - Agreement of 29.5.96 on international road transport (came into force on 16.8.96)
- CH Switzerland**
 - Agreement of 17.12.75 on international road transport (came into force on 15.1.76)
- CY Cyprus**
 - Agreement of 7.1.82 on international road transport (came into force on 25.8.82)
- D Germany**
 - Agreement of 19.6.97 on international road transport (came into force on 19.6.97)
- DK Denmark**
 - Agreement of 21.1.69 on international road transport (came into force on 21.1.69)
- E Spain**
 - Agreement of 7.3.79 on international road transport (came into force on 24.6.79)
- EST Estonia**
 - Agreement of 31.5.00 on the international transport of passengers and goods by road (came into force on 3.7.00)
- F France**
 - Agreement of 21.9.68 on international road transport (came into force on 15.5.69)
- FIN Finland**
 - Agreement of 23.2.70 on international road transport (came into force on 15.1.71)
- GB United Kingdom**
 - Agreement of 10.11.70 on international road transport (came into force on 5.6.71)
- GR Greece**
 - Agreement of 6.6.77 on international road transport (came into force on 17.1.79)
- H Hungary**
 - Agreement of 12.4.69 on international road (came into force on 2.9.69)
- HR Croatia**
 - Agreement of 6.3.01 on international road transport
- I Italy**
 - Agreement of 26.5.66 on international road transport (came into force on 3.11.66)
- IR Iran**
 - Agreement of 30.1.01 on international road transport (came into force on 8.2.02)
- IRL Ireland**
 - Agreement of 14.11.95 on the international transport of goods by road (came into force on 13.4.96)
- L Luxemburg**
 - Agreement of 15.7.82 on the international road transport of goods
- LT Lithuania**
 - Agreement of 13.7.95 on international road transport

- LV** Latvia
 Agreement of 29.5.96 on international road transport (came into force on 8.11.96)
- MD** Moldova
 Agreement of 26.5.98 on international road transport
- N** Norway
 Agreement of 29.5.01 on international road transport (came into force on 29.5.01)
- NL** Netherlands
 Agreement of 31.3.98 on international road transport (came into force on 1.1.99)
- P** Portugal
 Agreement of 28.6.78 on international road transport (came into force on 1.3.80)
- PL** Poland
 Agreement of 8.12.70 on international road transport (came into force on 2.3.72)
- RO** Romania
 Agreement of 6.12.67 on international road transport (came into force on 9.4.68)
- RUS** Russia
 Agreement of 13.3.98 on international road transport (came into force on 2.7.98)
- S** Sweden
 Agreement of 27.6.69 on international road transport (came into force on 20.10.69)
- SK** Slovakia
 Agreement of 23.11.92 on cooperation in transport and communications (came into force on 23.11.92)
- SLO** Slovenia
 Agreement of 21.3.97 on international road transport (came into force on 2.10.99)
- SYR** Syria
 Agreement of 4.12.78 on international road transport (came into force on 26.10.79)
- TR** Turkey
 Agreement of 30.6.81 on international road transport (came into force on 29.12.81)
- UA** Ukraine
 Agreement of 1.7.97 on international road transport (came into force on 7.1.99)
- UZ** Uzbekistan
 Agreement of 20.4.99 on international road transport (came into force on 23.9.99)
- YU** Serbia and Montenegro
 Agreement of 22.10.62 on international road transport (came into force on 12.7.63)
 Agreement of 15.5.80 on changes and supplements to the agreement of 22.10.62 (came into force on 14.10.80)

Sources: TRANSPORTKOMERC, April 2007
 AITA, February 2004
 CESMAD Bohemia, November 2002



**Authorisations, goods transport
Czech Republic**

Goods transport operations between and in transit through EEA countries and Switzerland are fully liberalised. International transports can be carried out with a Community authorisation only. Third country operations between EEA and non EEA countries can be performed according to appropriate bilateral agreements. Concerning the remaining states, except where otherwise provided for by bilateral agreement, the transport of goods to or from or in transit across the Czech Republic is subject to authorisation. The authorisation is valid for one trip only.

Source: CESMAD Bohemia, December 2008.

**VAT, goods transport
Czech Republic**

There are two VAT rates in the Czech Republic, which depend on the types of services or goods concerned. There is a basic rate of 19% and a reduced rate of 5%. Some services and goods are zero-rated.

Source: CESMAD Bohemia, March 2007

**Traffic offences - sanctions
Czech Republic**

On 1 July 2006, the Czech authorities introduced a penalty point system for traffic offences which applies also to foreign drivers. When an international driver has reached 12 penalty points, he will lose his authorisation to operate a motor vehicle on the territory of the Czech republic for a period of one year. The Czech authorities will inform accordingly the relevant authorities in the country where the driver's licence was issued.

Offences	Penalty points	Fine (in CZK)*
Driving a vehicle without the relevant driving licence for the category	7	
Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs	7	
Refusing to take the breathalyser test	7	
Refusing to undergo a medical examination to test for drugs	7	
Causing a road traffic accident resulting in fatality or serious injury	7	
In the case of an accident in which a person is killed or injured, or material damage of over CZK 50,000 is caused, failure to: - stop the vehicle - report the accident to the police - return to the scene of the accident after calling for medical aid or after reporting the accident	7	
Driving with a blood alcohol level of over 0.3 ‰ or driving immediately after the use of drugs or when still unfit to drive	6	
Overtaking when prohibited	6	
Making a U-turn on a motorway or reversing when prohibited	6	
Crossing at a level crossing when prohibited	6	2,500
Driving a vehicle when the driving licence has been withdrawn	6	
Driving a vehicle which is in bad technical condition and may seriously endanger other road users	5	
Driving at 40 km/h over the speed limit in an urban area or at 50 km/h over the speed limit outside an urban area	5	
Failure to stop at a stop sign or when signalled to stop by a person authorised to do so	5	2,500
Failure to give way to pedestrians at a pedestrian crossing	4	2,500
Endangering a pedestrian when turning	4	2,500
Endangering a pedestrian when turning off the road, when turning on to the road, when making a U-turn or when reversing	4	2,500
Failure to give way where it is so indicated	4	2,500
Exceeding the authorised driving time or failure to take the compulsory breaks	4	
Driving an unregistered vehicle for which registration is compulsory	4	

Driving a vehicle with a different number plate from the one originally assigned to it	4	
Failure to stop in the case of an accident where the material damage is less than CZK 50,000; failure to exchange vehicle data in the case of an accident or to report the accident to the police; leaving the scene of an accident when prohibited; failure to return to the scene of an accident after giving first aid or after reporting the accident to the police.	3	Up to 1,000
Holding a telephone or other voice recording devices while driving	3	1,000
Driving at 20 km/h or more over the speed limit in an urban area or at 30 km/h or more over the speed limit outside an urban area	3	2,500
Failure to stop at a pedestrian crossing when required to do so	3	2,500
Endangering other drivers when overtaking	3	2,000
Driving when under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol level of 0.3 ‰ or less	3	
Exceeding the permitted vehicle weight	3	
Driving on a tramway when prohibited	2	2,000
Failure to wear a seat belt	2	2,000
Failure by a driver to indicate a traffic obstacle which he has caused	2	2,000
Driving a vehicle when driving restrictions are in force	2	2,500
Driving at less than 20 km/h over the speed limit in an urban area or at less than 30 km/h over the speed limit outside an urban area	2	1,000
Driving a vehicle on the motorway when its construction or its technical condition prevent it from travelling at a minimum speed of 80 km/h	1	2,000
Driving in a traffic lane when prohibited	1	2,000
Breaking the regulations concerning vehicle lighting	1	2,000
Failing to respect the road signs "Zone with regulated traffic", "Pedestrian Zone" and "Residential Area"	1	2,000
Failure to respect a prohibitory sign or a sign with a blue circle, (not including signs indicating the authorised speed limit); failure to respect the signs for "No Overtaking", "No Stopping" or "No Waiting"	1	2,000
Using a blue light when not authorised to do so	1	2,000
Using a yellow light when not authorised to do so	1	2,000

*Some of these infringements may be the object of legal action.

Source: CESMAD Bohemia, August 2006

**Veterinary and phytosanitary services
Czech Republic**

**Veterinary and phytosanitary checks are no longer carried out at Czech border crossing points.
Since 1 May 2004, they are carried out at inland locations only.**

Source: CESMAD Bohemia, May 2004

**Authorisations, abnormal loads
Czech Republic**

All vehicles exceeding the maximum permitted weights and dimensions must be in possession of a special authorisation from the Ministry of Transport and Communications. Application for authorisation must be made at least 4 weeks before the transport operation to the

Ministry of Transport and Communications
Road Transport Department
nář. Ludvika Svobody 12
CZ - 110 15 Praha 1
tel: (+420 2) 25 51 31 305
e-mail: zdenka.kovarova@mddcr.cz

The application must contain the following indications:

- name and address of the carrier;
- type and weight of goods transported;
- vehicle registration number (motor vehicle, tractor, trailer, semi-trailer);
- vehicle characteristics (total length, maximum width, maximum height, total laden weight, weight per axle, number of axles, distance between the axles);
- date of transport operation;
- places of loading and unloading the goods;
- route, date and place of crossing the border (on entry and on exit);
- any other relevant information.

In addition to an authorisation, any vehicle which exceeds the maximum authorised weights and dimensions is subject to taxes for excess weight and dimensions (q.v.).

Source: CESMAD Bohemia, February 2009



**Driving Restrictions, Goods Transport 2018-2019
Czech Republic**

Permanent restrictions

Vehicles concerned trucks and combination vehicles with a MPW of over 7.5t and trucks and special vehicles with trailers, if a MPW of the motor vehicle exceeds 3,5t

Area on motorways, trunk roads and 1st class roads

Prohibition on Sundays and public holidays from 13:00 to 22:00

Temporary (summer) restrictions

Vehicles concerned trucks and combination vehicles with a MPW of over 7.5t and trucks and special vehicles with trailers, if a MPW of the motor vehicle exceeds 3,5t

Area on motorways, trunk roads and 1st class roads

Prohibition from 1 July to 31 August

- on Fridays from 17:00 to 21:00;
- on Saturdays from 07:00 to 13:00;
- on Sundays and public holidays from 13:00 to 22:00

Special prohibition

Vehicles concerned special motor vehicles and carts whose overall width exceeds 0.60m

Area on 1st class roads outside built-up areas

Prohibition from 15 April to 30 September

- on Fridays and the eve of a public holiday from 15:00 to 21:00;
- on Saturdays and the first day of a series of public holidays from 07:00 to 11:00;
- on Sundays and the last day of a series of public holidays from 15:00 to 21:00

Exceptions

- vehicles engaged in combined transport operations, from the shipper to the nearest loading point or from the nearest unloading point to the consignee;
- vehicles used for essential seasonal agricultural transport;
- vehicles used in the construction, maintenance or repair of roads;
- vehicles transporting perishable goods, provided the goods take up more than half of the loading capacity of the vehicle;
- vehicles transporting livestock;
- vehicles transporting fuel for the continuous operation of service stations;
- vehicles used for the loading or unloading of aircraft, ships or trains up to a distance of 100km;
- vehicles carrying postal cargo;
- empty vehicles travelling in connection with any of the transport operations mentioned in the preceding points;
- vehicles needed in cases of natural disaster;
- vehicles belonging to the armed forces, police and fire brigade;
- vehicles carrying chemical substances susceptible to temperature change or crystallisation;
- vehicles used for driver training

Public holidays 2018

24 December	Christmas Eve
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	St Stephen's Day

Public holidays 2019

1 January	New Year's Day
19 April	Good Friday
22 April	Easter Monday
1 May	Labour Day
8 May	Liberation Day
5 July	Prophets Cyril and Method
6 July	Anniversary of the death of Jan Hus
28 September	Statehood Day
28 October	National Day
17 November	Freedom and democracy day
24 December	Christmas Eve
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	St Stephen's Day

Source: CESMAD BOHEMIA, November 2018

Fees for excess weight and dimensions, goods transport Czech Republic

Vehicles in international transport which exceed the maximum authorised weights and dimensions are subject to the following rates of tax:

- vehicle whose height or length exceeds the maximum authorised dimensions, but whose width is less than 3.50m and whose weight is below the authorised limit CZK 4,500

In other cases:

Rate I: vehicle exceeding the maximum authorised weight

Total weight

up to 60t	CZK 6,000
> 60t - 80t	CZK 12,000
> 80t - 100t	CZK 20,000
>100t - 120t	CZK 30,000
>120t - 150t	CZK 40,000
>150t - 200t	CZK 60,000

Rate II: vehicle exceeding the maximum authorised axle load

Excess

3% - 10%	CZK 5,000
11% - 20%	CZK 15,000
21% - 30%	CZK 30,000
31% - 40%	CZK 60,000

Rate III: vehicle exceeding the maximum authorised width

Total width

>3.50m - 4.00m	CZK 3,000
>4.00m - 4.50m	CZK 6,000
>4.50m - 5.00m	CZK 10,000
>5.00m - 5.50m	CZK 15,000
>5.50m	CZK 20,000

Total amount due:

- for transport destination in the Czech Republic Rate I + Rate II + Rate III
- for transport operations in transit through the Czech Republic Rate I + Rate II + Rate III + CZK 25,000

The administrative authorities may reduce or waive these fees on the basis of a bilateral agreement.

Source: CESMAD Bohemia, August 2015

Speed limits, goods transport Czech Republic

(In km/h)

In built-up areas

A = all-purpose roads

B = motorways and assimilated roads

Outside built-up areas

C = all-purpose roads

D = motorways and assimilated roads

	A	B	C	D*
motor vehicles (<3.5t)	50	80	90	130
lorries (>3.5t)	50	80	80	80
articulated vehicles	50	80	80	80
road trains	50	80	80	80

* Vehicles with a maximum construction speed of less than 80 km/h are forbidden on Czech motorways

Source: CESMAD Bohemia, August 2015

**Maximum permitted weights and dimensions, goods transport
Czech Republic**

Height	4.00m
Width	
Motor vehicle/trailer	2.55m
Refrigerated vehicle (minimum thickness of walls - 45mm)	2.60m
Length	
Motor vehicle	12.00m
Trailer	12.00m
Articulated vehicle	16.50m
Articulated vehicle + trailer	22.00m
Road train	
· motor vehicle + trailer	18.75m
· motor vehicle + 2 trailers	22.00m
Weight per axle	
single axle	10.0t
drive axle	11.5t
tandem axle of motor vehicle, with a distance between the axes of	
· less than 1.00m	11.5t
· 1.00m to less than 1.30m	16.0t
· 1.30m to less than 1.80m	18.0t
· 1.30m to less than 1.80m, if the drive axle is fitted with twin tyres and air suspension or equivalent, or if the drive axle is fitted with twin tyres and the maximum weight of each axle does not exceed 9.5t	19.0t
tandem axle of trailer or semi-trailer, with a distance between axes of	
· less than 1.00m	11.0t
· 1.00m to less than 1.30m	16.0t
· 1.30m to less than 1.80m	18.0t
· 1.80m	20.0t
· over 1.80m, independent axes, therefore 10t per axle is allowed.	
tridem axle of trailer or semi-trailer, with a distance between the axes of	
· 1.30m or less	21.0t
· over 1.30m to 1.40m	24.0t
· over 1.40m to 1.80m	27.0t
Maximum permitted weight	
Motor vehicle	
· with 2 axes	18.0t
· with 3 axes	25.0t
· with 3 axes, and the drive axle is fitted with twin tyres and air suspension or equivalent, or if each drive axle is fitted with twin tyres and the maximum weight per axle does not exceed 9.5t	26.0t
· with 4 axes or more	32.0t
Trailer	
· with 2 axes	18.0t
· with 3 axes	24.0t
· with 4 axes or more	32.0t
Articulated vehicle	48.0t *
Road train	
· with 4 axes (2+2)	36.0t *
· with 5 axes (2+3)	45.0t *
· with 5 axes (3+2)	43.0t *
· with 5 axes (3+2) if the drive axle of the motor vehicle is fitted with twin tyres and air suspension or equivalent, or if each drive axle is fitted with	

twin tyres and the maximum weight per axle does not exceed 9.5t
with 6 axles (3+3)

44.0t *
48.0t **

- * this is the maximum authorised weight for a tractor + semi-trailer combination; however, the individual elements must not exceed the maximum authorised weight for a single motor vehicle or semi-trailer. The maximum permitted weight for a semi-trailer depends on its configuration (number of axles and distance between the axles) and is based on the weight per tandem or tridem axle (qv).
- ** this is the maximum authorised weight for a motor vehicle + trailer combination; however, the individual elements must not exceed the maximum authorised weight for a single motor vehicle or trailer.

Source: CESMAD Bohemia, March 2015

**Customs formalities, goods transport
Czech Republic**

The following documents are required :

For the carrier

- EU licence, ECMT authorisation, or bilateral or transit transport authorisation;
- ADR permit.

For the driver

- passport or identity card;
- visa compulsory for nationals of certain countries;
- driving licence;
- AETR record sheets (tachograph discs);
- ADR training certificate.

For the vehicle

- vehicle registration certificate;
- technical inspection certificate;
- green international insurance card, failing which an insurance policy must be taken out at the border;
- sign indicating the country of origin of the vehicle;
- ADR certificate of approval;
- ATP certificate of compliance.

For the transport operation

- national transit document;
- TIR carnet or T-document (or ATA carnet);
- CMR international consignment note;
- invoice;
- loading list (groupage);
- ADR transport document, ADR security instructions;
- ADR container packing certificate;
- document for the cross-border transport of waste.

Sources: IRU, 2004
CESMAD Bohemia, January 2003

**Road tax, goods transport
Czech Republic**

According to law No.102/2004, road tax is no longer levied on foreign-registered vehicles. It continues to be levied, however, on Czech-registered vehicles.

Source: CESMAD Bohemia, November 2004

**Fuel imports, goods transport
Czech Republic**

The fuel contained in the normal tank of the vehicle is admitted duty free, where the normal tank is that which was installed by the manufacturer.

Source: CESMAD Bohemia, May 2004

Winter equipment Czech Republic

Snow chains

It is not compulsory to carry snow chains aboard vehicles in the Czech Republic. However, chains must be fitted on snow-covered roads from 1 November to 31 March, in compliance with the relevant road sign. When used, a minimum of one pair of chains must be fitted to the drive axle. Vehicles fitted with chains must not exceed a speed of 50 km/h.

"Winter tyres compulsory" and "End of compulsory winter tyres zone" road signs indicate sections where it is compulsory to have winter tyres on vehicles of M and N categories in all weather conditions. Use of winter tyres can be substitute by use of snow chains.

Relevant road sign



The road signs indicate specific dates for application of the rule.

Sanctions

A fine from 1'500 to 2'500 CZK.

Winter tyres

Act on Technical conditions (341/2002), Regulation 202/2008 and Regulation 30/2001 – Road Traffic Act (N°361/2000 Coll, §40a).

It is compulsory for all passenger and goods vehicles of over 3.5t to be equipped with winter tyres on all drive axles every year between 1 November and 31 March on all roads, if roads are covered with or expected to be covered with a layer of snow, ice or frost. The minimum tread 6mm. Tyres must bear the indication M+S, M.S. or M&S.

It is compulsory for all vehicles of 3.5t or less to be equipped with winter tyres on all wheels every year between 1 November and 31 March on all roads. The minimum tread is 4mm. Tyres must bear the indication M+S, M.S. or M&S.

The use of studded tyres is forbidden.

Source: CESMAD Bohemia, November 2017

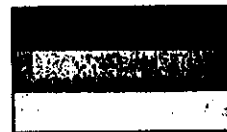
**Special regulations
Czech Republic**

- It is forbidden to use a mobile phone while driving, unless used with the appropriate "hands-off" equipment.
- It is compulsory for all vehicles to drive with dipped headlights at all times throughout the year.
- Vehicles already engaged on a roundabout (i.e. arriving from the left) have right of way; when leaving a roundabout, drivers must indicate their change of direction.
- Tyre tread must be a minimum of 1.6mm.
- The use of electronic equipment which may interfere with police equipment is prohibited.
- Vehicles with a maximum construction speed of less than 80 kmh are forbidden on Czech motorways.
- Priority must be given to pedestrians wishing to cross at pedestrian crossings.
- Vehicles with a blue flashing light have priority even when their siren is switched off.
- Police officers have the authority to demand the immediate payment of fines, to withdraw a driving licence and to immobilise a vehicle on the spot if a serious traffic offence is committed.
- Drivers must use their indicator lights to signal a change of direction when overtaking a cyclist.
- It is forbidden for lorries exceeding 3.5t and articulated vehicles exceeding 7m in length to overtake other vehicles if their speed is likely to restrict traffic flow.
- It is compulsory to have a warning triangle and a first aid kit on board the vehicle. For coaches, it is compulsory to have a fire extinguisher on board.

Source: CESMAD Bohemia, October 2007

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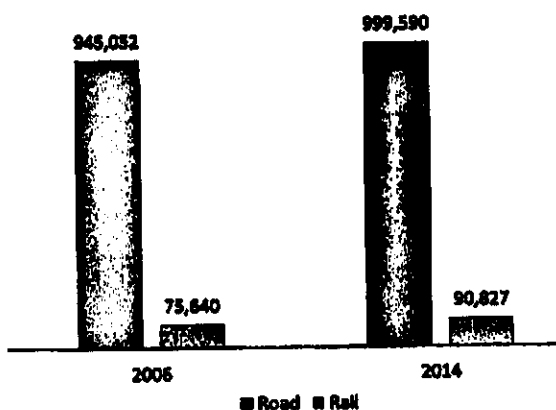
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Contracting Party to 35 UN Transport Conventions under the purview of UNECE Inland Transport Committee. Contracting Party to 12 UN Road Safety Conventions.

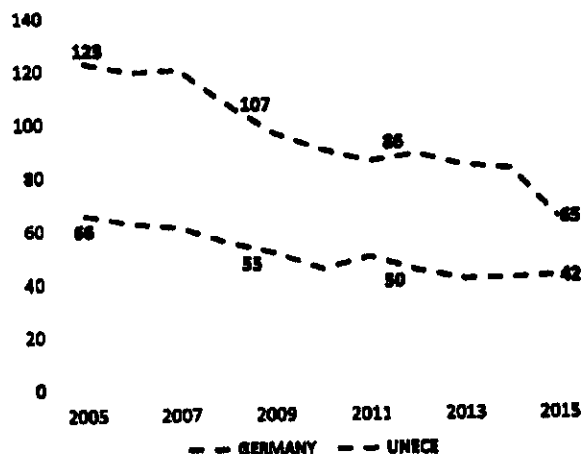
Road and rail traffic	
Number of passenger cars (thousand), 2015	45,071
Motorization rate (No. of passenger cars per thousand inhabitants), 2015	552
Passenger-km by road (million), 2014	999,590
Tonne-km by road (million), 2014	910,142
Passenger-km by rail (million), 2015	90,944
Tonne-km by rail (million), 2014	112,629
Tonne-km by Inland Waterways (million), 2015	55,315

Road safety statistics	
Fatalities, 2015	3,459
Injured, 2015	399,492
Injury accidents, 2015	305,659
Road deaths per 100,000 passenger cars	
Million inhabitants, 2015	42
100,000 passenger cars, 2015	8
Severity of road traffic accidents	
Fatalities per 1,000 injury accidents, 2015	11

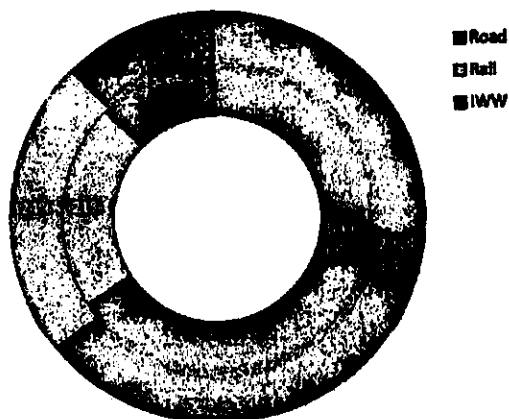
Passenger-km by road and by rail (million)



Fatalities per million inhabitants



Inland transport modal split - Freight (Tonne-km)



Severity of road traffic accidents (Fatalities per 1,000 injury accidents)



Source: UNECE Transport Statistics Database.

Note: For road safety graphics, UNECE refers to the average value of UNECE member States. IWW = inland waterways.

- Not applicable / .. Not available.

**Bilateral agreements
Germany**

Germany has concluded bilateral agreements on road transport with the following countries:

- A Austria**
Administrative agreement of 27.6.51 on occasional international passenger transport services and the international transport of goods by road (revised 19.10.62)
- AL Albania**
Agreement of 1986 on the international transport of goods by road
- B Belgium**
Agreement of 9.6.78 on the international transport of passengers and goods by road
- BG Bulgaria**
Agreement of 21.10.97 on the international transport of passengers and goods by road
- BY Belarus**
Agreement of 1.10.96 on international road transport (came into force on 8.7.97)
- CH Switzerland**
Agreement of 17.12.53 on the professional transport of passengers and goods
- CY Cyprus**
Agreement of 1.6.79 on international road transport
- CZ Czech Republic**
Agreement of 19.6.97 on international road transport (came into force on 19.6.97)
- DK Denmark**
Agreement of 22.9.81 on the international transport of passengers and goods by road between Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Germany (revised on 12.4.85)
- E Spain**
Agreement of 19.5.89 on international road transport
- EST Estonia**
Agreement of 6.4.93 on international road transport
- F France**
Agreement of 10.5.76
- FIN Finland**
Agreement of 11.9.81
- GB United Kingdom**
Agreement of 16.2.76 (goods)
Agreement of 5.11.71 in respect of the regulation of the taxation of road vehicles in international traffic
- GE Georgia**
Agreement of 7.4.94 on the international transport of passengers and goods by road
- GR Greece**
Agreement of 2.10.76
- H Hungary**
Agreement of 1.4.91 on the international transport of goods by road
- HR Croatia**
Agreement of 16.10.97 on the international transport of passengers and goods by road
- I Italy**
Agreement of 9.6.61 (amended on 16.5.84 and 1.1.66)
- IL Israel**
Agreement of 5.9.79 on the international transport of goods
- IR Iran**
Agreement of 17.3.92 on the international transport of goods by road and the taxation of road vehicles in international traffic
- IRL Ireland**
Agreement of 26.5.77 on the international transport of goods
Agreement of 10.12.76 in respect of the Regulation of the Taxation of Road Vehicles in International Traffic

- KZ** Kazakhstan
Agreement on International road transport (initialled)
- L** Luxemburg
Agreement of 27.9.82 on the international transport of passengers and goods by road
- LT** Lithuania
Agreement of 19.6.95 on the international transport of passengers and goods by road
- LV** Latvia
Agreement of 5.4.93 on the international transport of passengers and goods by road
- MA** Morocco
Agreement of 25.6.85 on the international transport of passengers and goods by road
(came into force on 28.5.93)
- MD** Moldova
Agreement of 11.10.95 on the international transport of passengers and goods by road
- MK** Macedonia, fmr Yugoslav Rep.of
Agreement on international road transport
- N** Norway
Agreement of 22.9.81 on the international transport of passengers and goods by road
between Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Germany (revised on 12.4.85)
- NL** Netherlands
Administrative agreement of 22.9.70
- P** Portugal
Agreement of 3.2.76
- PL** Poland
Agreement of 8.11.91 (replaces that of 11.9.69)
- RO** Romania
Agreement of 25.6.96 on the international transport of passengers and goods by road
- RUS** Russia
Agreement of 15.12.93 on International road transport
- S** Sweden
Agreement of 22.9.81 on the international transport of passengers and goods by road
between Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Germany (revised on 12.4.85)
- SK** Slovakia
Agreement of 28.10.92 on the transport of goods by road
Agreement of 25.9.96 on the transport of passengers by coach
- SLO** Slovenia
Agreement of 29.7.93 on the international transport of passengers and goods by road
- TN** Tunisia
Agreement of 24.1.84 on the international transport of passengers and goods by road
- TR** Turkey
Agreement of 9.9.77 on the international transport of passengers and goods by road
- UA** Ukraine
Agreement of 7.12.93 on international road transport
- YU** Yugoslavia and Montenegro
Agreement of 3.12.76

Source: CESMAD Bohemia, November 2002
 FEB, September 2000
 FEB, October 1999
 FEB, October 1999
 FEB, October 1999
 FEB, October 1999

**Authorisations, goods transport
Germany****a) Bilateral authorisations (non EU countries)**

In principle, a German authorisation is required for the performance of road haulage operations for hire or reward to, from or in transit through Germany using vehicles not registered under the Law on Road Haulage.

Haulage operations between Germany and a third country are only permissible using this authorisation, in so far as the vehicle is driven on the territory of the country of registration in the course of the operation in question taking the normal route between departure and destination.

b) Multilateral authorisations***With EU member states***

Companies set up in conformity with road haulage legislation require an EU-licence for the transport of goods by road to and from EU member states. EU licences for cross-border transport within the EU and for cabotage are delivered according to EU Council Regulation N°881/92 of 26.3.92.

With ECMT member states

ECMT authorisations are distributed on the basis of Resolution N°26 of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) on the introduction of a Multilateral Quota in International Road Haulage, dated 14th June 1974 and of the Regulation on International Road Haulage and Cabotage, dated 22 December 1998.

c) Authorisations for cross-border transport operations

Authorisations for cross-border transport operations via the following border posts are issued at the addresses indicated:

<i>Border post</i>	<i>Issuing authority</i>
Ellund (A7)	Kreis Schleswig-Flensburg, Walzstrasse 3, D-24937 Flensburg tel: (+49 461) 811 51 20
Kiel (Oslo-Kai)	Oberbürgermeister der Stadt Kiel - Ordnungsamt Saarbrückenstr. 1, 4, 3, D-24114 Kiel tel: (+49 431) 90 10
Puttgarden (B207)	Landrat des Kreises Ostholstein, Lübeckerstr. 41, D-23701 Eutin tel: (+49 4521) 78 80
Travemünde (B104)	Ordnungsamt der Hansestadt Lübeck, Verkehrsabteilung Meesenring 7, D-23566 Lübeck tel: (+49 451) 1220
Schirmding (B303)	Landratsamt Wunsiedel Jean-Paul-Strasse 9, D-95632 Wunsiedel tel: (+49 9232) 80 217
Waidhaus (B14)	Landratsamt Neustadt a.d. Waldnaab, Dienststelle Vohenstrauß, Wernbergerstrasse 12, D-92648 Vohenstrauß tel: (+49 9651) 32 01 or 33 02
Furth i. W. (B20)	Landratsamt Cham, Rachelstrasse 6, D-93413 Cham tel: (+49 9971) 78 247

Phillipsreuth (B12)	Landratsamt Freyung-Grafenau, Grafenauerstrasse 44 D-94078 Freyung tel: (+49 8551) 571 82
Neuhaus/Inn (A3)	Landratsamt Passau, Domplatz 11, D-94032 Passau tel: (+49 851) 39 74 39
Kehl/Strasbourg (B28)	Bürgermeisteramt Kehl, Amt für öffentliche Ordnung, Hauptstr. 85, D-77694 Kehl tel: (+49 7851) 88 0, 88 285, 88 267
Bienwald (A69)	Kreisverwaltung Germersheim, Verkehrsabteilung, Postfach, D-76726 Germersheim tel: (+49 7274) 5 30
Saarbrücken/Goldene Bremm (A6)	Oberbürgermeister der Stadt Saarbrücken, Strassenverkehrsbehörde, Richard-Wagner-Str. 54-56 D-66111 Saarbrücken tel: (+49 681) 90 50
Nennig/Remich (B406)	Landrat des Kreises Merzig, Bahnhofstr. 55, D-66663 Merzig tel: (+49 6861) 800
Mesenich (A48)	Kreisverwaltung Trier-Saarburg, Mustorstrasse 12, D-54290 Trier tel: (+49 651) 71 50
Echternacherbrück (B257) Steinebrück (A60)	Kreisverwaltung Bitburg-Prüm, Tiererstrasse 1, D-54634 Bitburg tel: (+49 6561) 150
Aachen Autobahn süd (A44) Autobahn nord (A4)	Oberstadtdirektor Aachen, Strassenverkehrsamt, Am Gut Wolf 2c, D-52070 Aachen tel: (+49 241) 1808 113 or 164
Elmpt-Maalbroek (B230)	Kreisverwaltung Viersen, Strassenverkehrsamt, Rathaus, Markt 3, D-41751 Viersen tel: (+49 2162) 39 15 48
Schönberg (B92)	Landratsamt Vogtlandkreis, Verkehrsamt, Oelsnitzerstrasse 44a, D-08626 Adorf tel: (+49 37423) 530
Frankfurt/Oder (A12) Schwedt (B166) Forst (A15)	Brandenburgisches Landesamt für Verkehr und Strassenbau, Lindenallee 51, D-15366 Dahiwitz/Hoppegarten tel: (+49 3342) 35 52 31-32

d) Cabotage

The accession of ten new member states to the EU on 1 May 2004 did not result in the automatic authorisation of cabotage. There will be a two year transition period for the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovakia before the liberalisation of the cabotage markets. For Poland and Hungary the transition period is set at three years. The transition periods have been then extended for a further two years in the case of Poland and Hungary or for two years with the option of an additional year in the case of the other five countries. However, immediate liberalisation of cabotage on accession to the EU was agreed with Malta, Slovenia and Cyprus.

Since May 2008, cabotage operations carried out in Germany are limited by a national regulation. This regulation stipulates that three cabotage operations may be carried out after an international transport, within seven days of the last unloading of the incoming international transport.

Sources: BGL, February 2009
International Transport Journal, 19.3.04

**Special Regulations
Germany**

- It is forbidden to use a mobile phone while driving, unless used with the appropriate "hands-off" equipment.
- Drivers leaving a roundabout are obliged to indicate their intention to do so. It is strictly forbidden to stop on a roundabout.
- Trucks with a MPW of over 7.5t are forbidden to drive in the left lane when the visibility is less than 50m owing to snow fall or rain or in case of black ice and thaw conditions.

Source: BGL, December 2010



Winter Equipment Germany

Snow chains

Although it is not obligatory to carry snow chains on board of a vehicle, they must be fitted on snow-covered roads in compliance with the relevant road sign. No specific time period is indicated, however "if circumstances so require, the vehicle should be equipped with snow tyres, snow chains, a shovel, a pick, and tow-bar or tow-rope". Chains should be fitted to the drive axle(s) of motor vehicles. Maximum speed with snow chains fitted is 50km/h.

Winter Tyres

- > Vehicles must be equipped with winter tyres when ice, packed snow, slush, black ice or frost conditions prevail.
- > Winter Tyres are tyres bearing the indication
 - 3PMSF
 - M+S, M.S. or M&S:
 - if the tyres are produced until 31.12.2017 (=DOT 5217) they can be used as winter tyres until 30.12.2024
- > For all tyres in all seasons, the tread depth is at minimum 1.6 mm.
- > Axles
 - Passenger cars (M1) and light duty trucks (N1; with a maximum authorized weight less than 3.5t)
 - => all axles
 - Trucks over 3.5t (N2 and N3 categories) and coaches with more than 8 passenger seats (in addition to the driver's seat) (M2 and M3 categories) must be equipped with winter tyres on
 - => the permanent driven axles
 - => the front steer axes** from 01.07.2020 latest

(** subject to a study of the Federal Highway Research Institute (BASt), which confirms that winter tyres are necessary on the front steer axles of trucks; earlier implementation possible as of winter 2019)
 - Winter tyres are not mandatory for trailer/semi-trailer axles

Sanctions

In case of non-compliance with the road sign indicating obligatory use of chains, a fine is imposed according to §49, al.3, n°4 of StVO (Strassenverkehrs-Ordnung).

The basic fine for not complying with the winter tyre legislation is for

- > the driver 60 euros but it can be increased to 80 euros (and 1 Point in the German Fahreignungsregister (FAER)***) if the non-compliant vehicle endangers other road users
- > the vehicle owner 75 euros

***** FAER:**

The Registration in the German Fahreignungsregister (Register where all traffic infringements of a driver are being stored) also applies for foreign drivers who may become conspicuous in Germany. In case of eight collected points, even foreign drivers are being banned from driving in Germany.

For further details, please refer to the following Web Site: [KBA](#)

Low Emission Zones Germany

Since March 2007, German cities have the possibility to introduce a low emission zone (LEZ) i.e. an area where only passenger cars and lorries meeting specific emission standards are allowed to drive and where polluting vehicles are forbidden.

HGVs, buses and coaches are divided into four emission categories. For foreign vehicles, the category will be determined on the basis of the initial registration year or the Euro standard indicated in the vehicle documents. Emission stickers must be displayed as follows:

category 1	Euro 0 or Euro I	no sticker
category 2	Euro II or Euro I with particle filter	red sticker
category 3	Euro III or Euro II with particle filter	yellow sticker
category 4	Euro IV or Euro III with particle filter	green sticker

The beginning and end of low emission zones are indicated by a special "Umwelt Zone" road sign.

Stickers cost between € 5 and € 10 and are valid throughout the country for an unlimited period. They may be purchased from exhaust emission testing centres (TÜVs) and authorised garages. They may also be requested in writing from the vehicle registration office. (IRU member association, AIST, has also applied for authorisation to distribute these stickers.) Vehicles travelling in the LEZ without the appropriate sticker will be subject to a fine of € 40.

Berlin

A low emission zone will be introduced in central Berlin in two stages. From 1 January 2008, only vehicles of categories 2, 3 and 4 may enter the zone. From 1 January 2010, only vehicles of category 4 may enter the zone. The urban railway ring ("S-Bahn") marks the boundary of the zone.

Stickers may be ordered by e-mail from the Vehicle Registration Authority on ktz-zulassung@labo.verwalt-berlin.de. They may also be ordered in writing from the TÜV Rheinland Berlin Brandenburg e.V., Alboinstr. 56, 12103 Berlin, Fax: +49/30.7562.1350. Operators should provide a (scanned) copy of the vehicle registration document and/or any official document showing the date of entry into service and the type of vehicle (diesel/petrol, coach/truck).

Further information may be downloaded from the following website:
www.berlin.de/sen/umwelt/luftqualitaet/

Hannover

A low emission zone will be introduced in Hannover in three stages. From 1 January 2008, only vehicles of categories 2, 3 and 4 may enter the zone. From 1 January 2009, only vehicles of categories 3 and 4 may enter the zone. From 1 January 2010, only vehicles of category 4 may enter the zone.

Cologne

A low emission zone will be introduced in Cologne in two stages. From 1 January 2008, only vehicles of categories 2, 3 and 4 may enter the low emission zone of Cologne. From 1 January 2010, only vehicles of categories 3 and 4 may enter the zone.

OTHER PLANNED ENVIRONMENTAL ZONES:

Stuttgart

From 1 March 2008, only vehicles of categories 2, 3 and 4 may enter the zone. From 1 January 2012, only vehicles of categories 3 and 4 may enter the zone.

Tübingen

From 1 March 2008, only vehicles of categories 2, 3 and 4 may enter the zone. From 1 January 2012, only vehicles of categories 3 and 4 may enter the zone.

Reutlingen

From 1 March 2008, only vehicles of categories 2, 3 and 4 may enter the zone. From 1 January 2012, only vehicles of categories 3 and 4 may enter the zone.

Mannheim

From 1 March 2008, only vehicles of categories 2, 3 and 4 may enter the zone. From 1 January 2012, only vehicles of categories 3 and 4 may enter the zone.

Ludwigsburg

From 1 March 2008, only vehicles of categories 2, 3 and 4 may enter the zone. From 1 January 2012, only vehicles of categories 3 and 4 may enter the zone.

Leonberg

From 1 March 2008, only vehicles of categories 2, 3 and 4 may enter the zone. From 1 January 2012, only vehicles of categories 3 and 4 may enter the zone.

Hilsfeld

From the beginning of 2008, only vehicles of categories 2, 3 and 4 may enter the zone. From 1 January 2012, only vehicles of categories 3 and 4 may enter the zone.

Several other cities plan to introduce low emission zones from 2010.

Further information (in German only) and maps of the various zones are available from the following web sites:

<http://www.env-rl.de/luftdaten/download/public/html/Umweltzonen/index.htm> and

<http://www.bmu.bund.de/luftreinhaltung/aktuell/doc/40590.php>

Sources: City of Berlin, January 2008
AIST, December 2007
German Federal Environment Department, 2007

**Customs formalities, goods transport
Germany**

The following documents are required :

For the operator

- EU licence, ECMT authorisation, or bilateral or transit authorisation;
- ADR permit.

For the driver

- passport with visa, as the case may be, or identity card;
- driving licence;
- driver attestation for non-EU drivers of EU-registered vehicles;
- AETR record sheets (tachograph discs);
- ADR training certificate.

For the vehicle

- national registration certificate;
- green international insurance card;
- technical inspection certificate;
- ADR certificate of approval;
- ATP certificate of compliance.

For the transport operation

- CMR international consignment note;
- TIR Carnet or Community transit document;
- ADR transport document;
- ADR container packing certificate;
- authorisation for the transport of waste;
- table of tariffs applied or transshipment bond.

Sources: IRU, 2004
BGL, September 2003

Weekly rest no longer allowed in cabins in Germany

As of 25 May, truck drivers are no longer allowed to take their weekly rest in the cabin of their vehicle in Germany.

According to a new law (In German only), truck drivers need to have their weekly rest in proper facilities. It follows that sleeping in the cabin will be considered as no sleep at all and fined as follows: EUR 60 per extra hour for the driver, and EUR 180 per extra hour for the transport operator.

No further information about enforcement and accepted proofs has been made available so far.

Source: AFTRI



Speed limits, goods transport Germany

(in km/h)

In built-up areas

A = all-purpose roads

Outside built-up areas

B = all-purpose roads

C = 4-lane roads (expressways or dual carriageways)

D = motorways

	A	B	C*	D*
motor vehicles (GVW 3.5t - 7.5t)	50	80	-	80
motor vehicles (GVW >7.5t)	50	60	-	80
combined vehicles (GVW >3.5t)	50	60	-	80

NB: The same limits apply to dangerous goods transport.

In foggy conditions or in heavy rain or snowfall, if visibility is reduced to 50m, the maximum speed limit is 50km/h throughout the road network, insofar as visibility conditions do not demand a slower speed. If visibility is reduced to less than 50m, overtaking is strictly forbidden.

On motorways, lorries of over 3.5t MPW must drive at a distance of at least 50m from the preceding vehicle.

* In Germany, there are no special regulations for speed limits on 4-lane roads. However, the higher speed limits described under "D" are also valid for any roads with a barrier between carriageways, regardless of the actual number of lanes.

Sources: BGL, May 2016
Transpo N°188, October 2003
UNECE, TRANS/WP.1/80/Rev.2, August 2003
BGL, October 1999
AIST, October 1999
BWV, October 1999

**Maximum permitted weights and dimensions, goods transport
Germany**

Height	4.00m
Width	
Motor vehicle/trailer	2.55m
Superstructure of conditioned vehicle (minimum thickness of walls: 45mm)	2.80m
Length	
Motor vehicle	12.00m
Trailer	12.00m
Articulated vehicle (provided the above-mentioned lengths are respected)	16.50m ¹
Road train (provided the above-mentioned lengths are respected)	18.75m ²
Car transporter	
· empty	18.75m
· loaded	20.75m ³
Weight per axle	
single axle	10.0t
drive axle	11.5t
provided the weight per single axle is respected, tandem axle of motor vehicle with a distance between the axles of	
· less than 1.00m	11.5t
· 1.00m to less than 1.30m	16.0t
· 1.30m to less than 1.80m	18.0t
· 1.30m to less than 1.80m, and the drive axle is fitted with twin tyres and air suspension or equivalent	19.0t
provided the weight per single axle is respected, tandem axle of trailer or semi-trailer with a distance between the axles of	
· less than 1.00m	11.0t
· 1.00m to less than 1.30m	16.0t
· 1.30m to less than 1.80m	18.0t
· 1.80m or more	20.0t
provided the specifications for a tandem axle are respected, tridem axle of trailer or semi-trailer with a distance between the axles of	
· 1.30m or less	21.0t
· over 1.30m to 1.40m	24.0t
Maximum permitted weight	
Motor vehicle	
· with not more than 2 axles	18.0t
· with 3 axles	25.0t
· with 3 axles and with a double axle of a fixed definition	26.0t
· with 4 axles and with a double axle of a fixed definition	32.0t
· with more than 4 axles of a fixed definition	32.0t
Trailer (not semi trailer)	
· with not more than 2 axles	18.0t
· with 3 axles	24.0t
Articulated vehicle	
· with 3 axles	26.0t
· with 4 axles (2+2) with a distance between the axles of the semi-trailer of 1.30m or more	36.0t
· with 4 axles (2+2), with a distance between the axles of the semi-trailer of over 1.80m, and the drive axle is fitted with twin tyres and air suspension or equivalent	38.0t
· with 4 axles, other than those mentioned above (3+1)	35.0t
· with 5/6 axles (2+3, 3+2/3)	40.0t

• with more than 4 axes in combined transport operations	44.0t ⁴
Road train	
• with less than 4 axes	28.0t
• with 4 axes (2+2)	36.0t
• with 4 axes, other than 2+2	35.0t
• with 5/6 axes (2+3, 3+2/3)	40.0t
• with more than 4 axes in combined transport operations	44.0t ⁴

¹ The maximum total length of an articulated vehicle is 16.50m if the maximum distance between the axis of the fifth-wheel king pin and the rear of the semi-trailer is 12m, and the distance measured horizontally between the axis of the fifth-wheel king pin and any point at the front of the semi-trailer does not exceed 2.04m; otherwise, the maximum length is 15.50m.

² The maximum total length of a road train is 18.75m, provided the maximum authorised lengths of the different parts are not exceeded – a total load length of 15.65m and a maximum distance of 16.40m between the foremost external point of the loading area behind the cabin and the rearmost external point of the loading area of the trailer of the combination.

³ The overhang must not exceed 0.50m to the front of the vehicle (only for vehicles with a height over 2.50 m) and 1.50m to the rear.

⁴ This total weight not only applies to the transport of 40' ISO containers, but also in a general manner to vehicles with more than 4 axes used in the first or last leg of a combined transport operation:

- *road/rail* between the place of loading or unloading and the nearest appropriate station; in accompanied combined transport (rolling highway) between the place of loading or unloading and the appropriate station within a maximum radius of 150km;
- *inland waterway/road* between the place of loading or unloading and a river port within a maximum radius of 150km;
- *sea/road* (with a sea leg of over 100km) between the place of loading or unloading and a sea port within a maximum radius of 150km.

Sources: BGL, March 2015



Tolls / Road use charge, goods transport Germany

Goods vehicles of 7.5 t or more, whether they be empty or loaded, are subject to the German road toll (LKW-Maut) which is levied on all German motorways and state roads. For information on vehicles subject to LKW-Maut, see [here](#). For a list of roads concerned, please refer to this [link](#).

As for modes of payment, please check [here](#). Mobile control units check german LKW-Maut. Payments are controlled when the vehicle drives under the gantries installed throughout the motorway network.

Concerning the number of axes, it should be noted that a tandem axle is counted as two axes; a retractable axle, whether in use or not, must be counted.

Tariffs do not include VAT.

LKW-Maut from 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2018:

During the a.m. period, German Maut tariffs are consisting of two factors:

- Cost of infrastructure (based on the number of the vehicle's axes)
- Cost of air pollution (based on the vehicle's emission class)

It is calculated depending on the number of axes and the relevant emission class.

Tariffs from 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2018 in € per tollable km

vehicles 7.5t MPW, emission class:	2 axes	3 axes	4 axes	5 axes and more
EURO 0 / I	0.164	0.198	0.200	0.218
EURO II	0.154	0.186	0.190	0.208
EURO III	0.144	0.176	0.180	0.198
EURO IV	0.113	0.145	0.149	0.167
EURO V / EEV	0.102	0.134	0.138	0.156
EURO VI	0.081	0.113	0.117	0.135

LKW-Maut as of 01.01.2019

As of 01.01.2019, German Maut tariffs will be consisting of three factors:

- Cost of Infrastructure
- Cost of air pollution
- Cost of noise pollution

Cost of infrastructure, which used to be calculated on the basis of the number of axes exclusively, is now based on a new structure which is taking into account the MPW, too. As a result, the new tariffs valid as of 01.01.2019 do not directly compare to the ones valid until 31.12.2018!

Tariffs as of 01.01.2019 in € per tollable km

	7.5 t – less than 12 t MPW	12 t – 18 t MPW	more than 18 t MPW and	
			up to and including 3 axles	4 and more axles
EURO 0 / I	0.167	0.202	0.247	0.261
EURO II	0.156	0.191	0.236	0.250
EURO III	0.146	0.181	0.226	0.240
EURO IV	0.114	0.149	0.194	0.208
EURO V / EEV	0.104	0.139	0.184	0.198
EURO VI	0.093	0.128	0.173	0.187

The new Maut legislation entering into force on 01.01.2019 will also foresee some temporary exemptions for vehicles powered by gas or electricity. Details on this subject should be available soon [here](#)

Further information regarding tolls in Germany is available on the following website:
<http://www.toll-collect.de/en>

Source: BGL, October 2018

**Abnormal loads
Germany**

Special authorisations can be obtained only in particular cases from the transport authorities at frontier crossing points if the load cannot be divided for technical reasons or because it would entail excessive costs and if its carriage by rail or inland waterway, at least for the greater part of the journey, is either impossible or would entail excessive costs.

A fine may be imposed if, on checking a vehicle, the authorities find that the load exceeds the maximum authorised weight by more than 1%.

Source: BGL, February 2004

**Traffic offences - sanctions
Germany**

- Use of mobile phone while driving ("hands-off" equipment compulsory)
 - € 40 plus one point in the central register of traffic offences.
- Drink-driving
 - if over 0.5‰ but no accident has been caused :
fine of at least € 250 and the suspension of the driving licence for at least one month, plus four points in the central register of traffic offences.
 - if the driver is involved in an accident or has committed any other driving offence :
the alcohol limit taken into consideration is 0.3‰; above that limit, the driver may be charged with driving under the influence of drink.

NB: The German Verkehrszentralregister registers points for domestic and foreign drivers alike. If a foreign driver accumulates 18 points, his driving licence is no longer valid on German territory.

Source: BGL, March 2007

**Fuel imports, goods transport
Germany**

Vehicles may import an unlimited quantity of fuel in the main tank.

Source: FEBETRA, September 2005
ASTAG, June 2005

VAT, passenger transport Germany

Foreign coach operators, regardless of their country of origin, are subject to payment of VAT on turnover from the part of their transport operation carried out on German territory.

Vehicles which do not cross the border of a third country (non-EU member state) when entering or leaving Germany:

Regular and occasional services

A basic rate of 19% is applied. However, the rate for authorised regular services is 7% provided the distance travelled on German territory does not exceed 50km. The tax is levied according to the general taxation procedure which stipulates that the transport operator must complete a preliminary as well as an annual tax return for the relevant fiscal authority. (See list.)

A preliminary tax return should be made each quarter. However, if for the preceding calendar year the VAT due exceeds €6136, this period may be reduced to one month. If the amount of VAT for the preceding year does not exceed €512, the tax office in question may exempt the transport operator from the obligation to make a preliminary tax return and an advance payment. The transport operator has until the 10th day after the end of the period to lodge his preliminary declaration in which he has calculated the amount due. Forms are available from the tax office.

After each calendar year, the transport operator has until 31 May of the following year to lodge his annual tax return. Should the preliminary or annual declaration not be returned or be returned late, a surcharge of up to 10% of the VAT due, but at most €25,000, may be imposed. In the case of non-payment, a surcharge of 1% per calendar month or part thereof will be imposed. In the most serious cases, the authorities will decide whether or not there are grounds for withdrawing the transport authorisation.

Vehicles which cross the border of a third country (non-EU member state) when entering or leaving Germany:

Regular services

In the case of regular services, the basis for assessment, the VAT rate, the relevant fiscal authorities and the taxation procedures are identical to those given above.

Occasional services

The tax is levied directly at the customs office when the vehicle enters or leaves Germany via the border with a third country. In order to simplify the procedure, a flat-rate tax is levied. This is calculated on the basis of a coefficient fixed at 4.43 Cents. Hence, for a VAT rate of 19%, the VAT levied amounts to 0.84 Cents per passenger per kilometre travelled in Germany. The transport operator must provide the customs office with a tax return in duplicate for each trip during which the vehicle enters or leaves Germany. The amount due will be entered on both copies by the customs authorities. On payment of the VAT, the driver will be given one of the copies together with a receipt of payment. These documents must remain on board the vehicle during the whole journey. On leaving German territory for a third country, a further tax return must be made if the number of passenger/kilometres has changed.

Complaints regarding the amount of tax levied may be lodged within a month. If this procedure does not give complete satisfaction, the tax office covering the region in which the customs office is situated will be responsible for settling the case.

The flat rate tax does not take account of pre-payments. Information concerning the refund of these amounts may be obtained from the Bundesamt für Finanzen, Friedhofstrasse 1, D-53225 Bonn; (+49 228) 406-0; fax: (+49 228) 406-2661; URL: www.bff-online.de

The transport operator who considers the coefficient for the calculation of the tax too high may,

after one calendar year, lodge a tax return with the relevant authority (*see list*) according to the general taxation procedure (*see above*).

Services exempt from VAT

Transport services which are unremunerated or carried out using one's own vehicles (with the exception of firms) are exempt from payment of VAT (e.g. if members of foreign associations such as cultural groups - theatre companies, orchestras, choirs etc. - or groups of school-children or students are carried by vehicles belonging to the association, group or school in question). In this respect the registration certificate of the vehicle will serve as proof.

List of tax offices

Country of origin	Relevant tax authority
Austria	Finanzamt München II, Deroystrasse 20, 80335 München Tel: (+49 89) 1252-0; Fax: (+49 89) 1252-2222
Belarus	Finanzamt Magdeburg II, Tessenowstrasse 6, 39114 Magdeburg Tel: (+49 391) 885-12; Fax: (+49 391) 885-1000
Belgium	Finanzamt Trier, Hubert-Neuerburgstr. 1, 54290 Trier Tel: (+49 651) 93 60-0; Fax: (+49 651) 93 60-500
Bulgaria	Finanzamt Neuwied, Augustastr. 54, 56564 Neuwied Tel: (+49 2631) 910-0; Fax: (+49 2631) 910-270
Croatia	Finanzamt Kassel-Goethestrasse, Goethestrasse 43, 34119 Kassel Tel: (+49 61) 7207-0; Fax: (+49 61) 7207-500
Czech Republic	Finanzamt Chemnitz-Süd, Paul-Bertz-Strasse 1, 09120 Chemnitz Tel: (+49 371) 279-0; Fax: (+49 371) 22 70 65
Denmark	Finanzamt Flensburg, Duburger Str. 60-64, 24939 Flensburg Tel: (+49 461) 813-0; Fax: (+49 461) 813-254
Estonia	Finanzamt Rostock I, Messestrasse 1, 18106 Rostock Tel: (+49 381) 1235-0; Fax: (+49 381) 1235-499
Finland	Finanzamt Bremen-Mitte, Rudolf-Hilferding-Platz 1, 28195 Bremen Tel: (+49 421) 322-1; Fax: (+49 421) 322-2088
France	Finanzamt Kehl, Ludwig-Trick-Strasse 1, 77694 Kehl Tel: (+49 7851) 864-0; Fax: (+49 7851) 864-108
Greece	Finanzamt Berlin-Neukölln-Nord, Sonnenallee 223, 12059 Berlin Tel: (+49 30) 68 876-0; Fax: (+49 30) 68 876-395
Hungary	Zentralfinanzamt Nürnberg, Voigtländer Strasse 7-9, 90489 Nürnberg Tel: (+49 911) 5393-0; Fax: (+49 911) 5393-2000
Ireland	Finanzamt Hamburg-Mitte-Altstadt, Wendenstr. 35b, 20097 Hamburg Tel: (+49 40) 42 853-06; Fax: (+49 40) 42 853-6671
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Latvia	Finanzamt Bremen-Mitte, Rudolf-Hilferding-Platz 1, 28195 Bremen Tel: (+49 421) 322-1; Fax: (+49 421) 322-2088
Liechtenstein	Finanzamt Konstanz, Sigismundstrasse 19, 78462 Konstanz Tel: (+49 7531) 289-0; Fax: (+49 7531) 289-312
Lithuania	Finanzamt Mühlhausen, Martinistrasse 22, 99974 Mühlhausen Tel: (+49 3601) 456-0; Fax: (+49 3601) 456-100

Luxemburg	Finanzamt Saarbrücken Am Stadtgraben, Am Stadtgraben 2-4, 66111 Saarbrücken Tel: (+49 681) 3000-0; Fax: (+49 681) 3000-329
Macedonia (FYROM)	Finanzamt Berlin-Neukölln-Nord, Sonnenallee 223, 12059 Berlin Tel: (+49 30) 68 876-0; Fax: (+49 30) 68 876-395
Netherlands	Finanzamt Kleve, Emmericher Strasse 182, 47533 Kleve Tel: (+49 2821) 803-1; Fax: (+49 2821) 803-410
Norway	Finanzamt Bremen-Mitte, Rudolf-Hilferding-Platz 1, 28195 Bremen Tel: (+49 421) 322-1; Fax: (+49 421) 322-2088
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Turkey	Finanzamt Dortmund-Unna, Rennweg 1, 44143 Dortmund Tel: (+49 231) 5188-1; Fax: (+49 231) 5188-2796
Ukraine	Finanzamt Magdeburg II, Tessenowstrasse 6, 39114 Magdeburg Tel: (+49 391) 885-12; Fax: (+49 391) 885-1000
United Kingdom	Finanzamt Hannover-Nord, Vahrenwalder Str. 206, 30165 Hannover Tel: (+49 511) 6790-0; Fax: (+49 511) 6790-6090
United States	Finanzamt Bonn-Innenstadt, Welechnonnenstr. 15, 53111 Bonn Tel: (+49 228) 718-0; Fax: (+49 228) 718-2990
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