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Travel Bans in France 2023

Standard Loads at GVW of 7.50T and above:

Sunday and public holiday ban from 2200 hrs on Saturday or the day before a public holiday until 2200 hrs on Sunday or public holiday. Link to Brochure in French with information on bans for trucks + Calendrier Bison-Futé https://www.bison-fute.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/BisonFute_Brochure_vehicules_lourds_GB-c_2023-print.pdf
https://www.bison-fute.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/Calendrier_2023_Bison_Fute_A3.pdf
Latest Decree (French Law) on ban times and exemptions for certain transports*:
http://www.bison-fute.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/Arrete_02_mars_2015-2.pdf

Summer Saturday bans this year are 15 July, 22 July, 29 July, 5 August, 12 August, 19 August, 26 August

These ban times are from 0700hrs on Saturday until 2400hrs! Except that there is a window of 4 hours 1900-0000hrs on these Saturday nights during which **standard vehicles** may travel (see Sunday permanent ban above). But not ab loads see below.

*There is a permanent exemption that covers perishable goods, newsprint, sporting/cultural/educational or other tight deadlines. Proof of the status of the goods, & the deadlines which require a move during ban times, must be carried on board the vehicle. Otherwise, hauliers may apply for an exemption permit (individual or permanent). Sufficient grounds of urgency must be given, eg: AOG situations/ 'no interruption to supply being essential to round-the-clock operations' have been used as justification to obtain such permits. Documentary proof of the need to travel during the French ban must be carried on board the vehicle / strictures annexed to the permit must be adhered to. Not possible to get these bans lifted for ab loads.

Abnormal Load Restrictions

Over the weekends mentioned above, Abnormal Loads are banned from the end of daylight or 2200hrs (whichever is the latest) on the Friday until 0600hrs on the Monday

Otherwise, the weekend (or holiday) ban is from 1200hrs on Saturday or the day before a public holiday until 0600hrs on Monday or the day after a public holiday. See permits for rush hour bans in towns.

Check Cat 1 Motorway Ban times, many motorways have night only (2200hrs - 0600hrs) or complete bans 1st July – 1st September; some ban periods last until 15th September. There are additional restrictions for Paris.

Public Holidays – France 2023

New Years Day **1st Jan** (Sun) / Good Friday **7th Apr**: heavy traffic, not a public holiday except in Alsace/Moselle /
Easter Mon **10th Apr** / Labour Day **1st May** (Mon) / VE Day **8th May** (Mon) / Ascension: Thurs **18th May** / Whit Monday
28th May / Bastille Day **14th Jul** (Fri) / Assumption **15th Aug** (Tues) / All Saints Day **1st Nov** (Wed) / Armistice Day **11th Nov** (Sat) / Christmas Day **25th Dec** (Mon) / (Boxing Day - only in Moselle, Bas-Rhin & Haut-Rhin – Tues **26th Dec**) –
Check also : Le Mans Test day Sun & 24hr Le Mans race May / Paris Air Show June / 110th Tour de France in stages all over France: watch out for road closures in June/July.