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## Travel Bans in France 2022

### Standard Loads at G-VW of 7.50T and above:

Sunday and public holiday ban from 2200hrs on Saturday or the day before a public holiday until 2200hrs on Sunday or public holiday.

Ban times on a Calendar: 'Awaiting Publication'

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](http://www.bison-fute.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/Arrete_02_mars_2015-2.pdf)

### **Summer Saturday bans this year are 23rd, 30th July and 6th,13th,20th August 2022**

These ban times are from 0700 hrs on Saturday until 2400hrs!! Except that there is a window of 4 hours 1900-0000 hrs 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 2200 hrs (whichever is the latest) on the Friday until 0600 hrs on the Monday

Otherwise, the weekend (or holiday) ban is from 1200 hrs on Saturday or the day before a public holiday until 0600 hrs 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 (2200 hrs - 0600 hrs) or complete bans 1st July – 1st September; some ban periods last until 15th September. There are additional restrictions for Paris.

### Sunday and Public Holidays bans – France 2022

New Years Day **1<sup>st</sup> Jan** (Sat) / Good Friday **15<sup>th</sup> Apr**: heavy traffic, but not a public holiday in France except in Alsace/Moselle / Easter Sunday **17<sup>th</sup> Apr** / Easter Mon **18<sup>th</sup> Apr** / Labour Day **1<sup>st</sup> May** (Sun) / VE Day **8<sup>th</sup> May** (Sun) / Ascension Thurs **26<sup>th</sup> May** / Sunday **5<sup>th</sup> June** / Whit Monday **6<sup>th</sup> June** / Bastille Day **14<sup>th</sup> Jul** (Thurs) / Assumption **15<sup>th</sup> Aug** (Mon) / All Saints Day **1<sup>st</sup> Nov** (Tues) / Armistice Day **11<sup>th</sup> Nov** (Fri) / Christmas Day **25<sup>th</sup> Dec** (Sun) / Boxing Day **26<sup>th</sup> Dec** (Mon) - only in Moselle, Bas-Rhin & Haut-Rhin.

Check also : Le Mans Test day Sun & 24hr Le Mans race May / Paris Air Show June / Tour de France in stages all over France: watch out for road closures in June/July.