

## Driving restrictions, goods transport Bulgaria

There is no general driving ban for international traffic on Sundays or on public holidays. There are however several local restrictions.

- Vehicles concerned** all goods vehicles of over 15t total laden weight
- Prohibition** permanent
- Road concerned** I-5, section Tchernootchene - Kardjali
- The vehicles concerned should use the following routes:
- *direction Haskovo - Kardjali* : road I-5 - road III-505 - Manastir - road III-507 - Voyvodino - Most - Tchiflik - Kardjali
  - *direction Assenovgrad - Kardjali* : road II-58 - road I-5, direction Haskovo - road III-505 - Manastir - road III-507 - Voyvodino - Most - Tchiflik - Kardjali
  - *direction Mineralni Bani - Kardjali* : road III-506 - road III-806 - road I-5 - road III-505 - Manastir - road III-507 - Voyvodino - Most - Tchiflik - Kardjali
- Vehicles concerned** all goods vehicles of over 10t total laden weight
- Prohibition** Every day, from 5h30 to 8h50 and from 16h30 to 20h50
- Road concerned** I-1 (Sofia – Kulata), section Dragichevo (km 286+300 – Vladaya Pass) – Sofia – Knyazhevo district (km 268 +100)
- The vehicles concerned should use the route Dupnitsa – Samokov – Sofia and Dupnitsa – Samokov – Ihtiman – “Trakia” motorway
- Vehicles concerned** all goods vehicles of over 10t total laden weight
- Prohibition** permanent
- Road concerned** I-5 between km 155+250 and km 184 +000 (Shipka Pass)
- The vehicles concerned should use the route Radnevo – road II-57 – Pet mogili – Novoselez – road II-55 – Mlekarevo – Radevo – Nova Zagora – Road mir - Tchervena Mogila – road I-6 – Gurkovo – Prohod na Republikata – Veliko Tarnovo.
- Vehicles concerned** All vehicles
- Prohibition** From 1 November to 31 March.
- However, in case of bad weather conditions, restrictions may already be enforced in October and/or until April.
- Road concerned** I-7, section Varbishki Pass
- The vehicles concerned should use the Kotlenski Pass (I-4 road), the Rijki Pass (II-73 road) or the Prohod na Republikata Pass (road II-55).
- Vehicles concerned** all goods vehicles of over 10t total laden weight
- Prohibition** permanent

**Road concerned** II-81, section Petrohan-Sofia  
The vehicles concerned should use the route I-1 (E-79): Montana-Vratsa-Botevgrad-Sofia.

**Vehicles concerned** all goods vehicles of over 10t total laden weight  
**Prohibition** Every day, from 7h00 to 9h00 and from 18h00 to 20h00

**Road concerned** II-82, section Samokov - Sofia  
The vehicles concerned should use the route II- 62 – Samokov – Ihtiman – road I-8 – “Trakia” motorway.

**Vehicles concerned** all vehicles exceeding the maximum authorised weights and dimensions  
**Prohibition** throughout the year:  
· if visibility is less than 50m due to mist, heavy rain or snow;  
· in icy conditions;  
· during hours of darkness and at rush hours, except in cases of emergency or natural catastrophe

**SUMMER RESTRICTIONS** (*NB: these restrictions were in force on the dates indicated in 2010. As they have not yet been confirmed for 2011, they are given as an indication only*).

**Vehicles concerned** all vehicles of over 3.5t  
**Prohibition** from 1.7.10 to 15.9.10  
**Area** vehicles travelling from Sofia to Burgas and vice versa are obliged to use the following routes:  
· *direction Sofia-Burgas* : Trakia motorway - road II-66 - Stara Zagora bypass - road I-5 (Zmejovo - lagoda - Tulovo) - road I-6, km 319+600 - Petolychkata crossing - Burgas  
· *direction Burgas-Sofia* : road I-6 (Sliven - Kazanlyk) - direction Sofia  
· *direction Burgas - Plovdiv* : road I-6 (Sliven - Kazanlyk), km 319+600 - road I-5 (Tulovo - lagoda - Zmejovo) - Stara Zagora bypass - road II-66 (connection with Trakia motorway) - Trakia motorway

**Temporary restrictions** In temperatures of over 35°C, there is a prohibition on lorries and combined vehicles of over 20t total laden weight throughout the road and motorway network between 12h00 and 21h00. The exact dates of the beginning and end of the restrictions will be announced in the media at least two days in advance.

## **SOFIA**

Restrictions are enforced in the city centre of Sofia for trucks and combined vehicles of 4t MPW and above, and for coaches with more than 22 seats, every day, from 7h00 to 21h00. The limits of the zone affected by these restrictions are as follows: Opalchenska str. – Slivnitsa bld. – Gen. Danail Nikolaev bld. – Evlogui Gueorguiev bld. – Bulgaria bld. – Pencho Slaveikov bld. – Gen. Totleben bld. – Gen. Skobelev bld. – Opalchenska str. (N.B.: the restrictions do not apply to the streets mentioned above, but only to the area bordered by these streets)

Restrictions for trucks and combination vehicles with a MPW of over 15t apply every day from 07h00 to 22h00 in the first zone. The limits of the zone affected by these restrictions are as follows: Konstantin Velichkov bld. – Gabrovo str. – Skopie str. – Nadejda crossroad – 202 str. – Kamenodelska str. – Malashevskva str. – Parva balgarska armia str. – Rezbarska str. – Vassil

Kanchev str. – Reka Veleka str. – Alexander Ekzarh str. – Madrid bld. – Sitniakovo bld. – Peio lavorov bld. – Nikola Vaptzarov bld. – Cherni vrah bld. – Srebarna str. – Gotze Delchev bld. – Jitnitza str. – Nikola Mushanov bld. – Vazkresenie bld. – Konstantin Velichkov bld. (N.B.: the restrictions do not apply to the streets mentioned above, but only to the area bordered by these streets).

The following streets and boulevards are not affected by the restriction: Slivnica bld., Vladajska reka str., Zidarska str., Gradinarska str., Rezbarska str., Gen. Danail Nikolaev bld., Konstantin Stoilov bld., Kamenodelska str., Gen. Vladimir Vazov bld., Chavdar Bridge and Zletovo str.

***Public holidays 2011***

1 January	New Year's Day
3 March	National Day
4 March	Additional public holiday
22 April	Good Friday (Orthodox)
24 April	Easter Sunday (Orthodox)
25 April	Easter Monday (Orthodox)
1 May	Labour Day
6 May	Bulgarian Army Day
23 May	Additional public holiday
24 May	Day of Slavonic Alphabet
5 September	Additional public holiday
6 September	Day of Unification
22 September	Independence Day
23 September	Additional public holiday
1 November	Day of the Leaders of the National Revival (working day)
24 December	Christmas Eve
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	St Stephen's Day

**Source:** AEBTRI, December 2010

## Driving Restrictions, Goods Transport France

### Art.1 General restrictions

<b>Vehicles concerned</b>	trucks and combination vehicles with a maximum gross weight of over 7.5t, with the exception of special vehicles and agricultural vehicles and material
<b>Area</b>	throughout the road and motorway network
<b>Prohibition</b>	from 22h00 on Saturdays and the eve of public holidays, until 22h00 on Sundays and public holidays

### Art.2 Additional restrictions

#### a. During the summer period

<b>Vehicles concerned</b>	trucks and combination vehicles with a maximum authorised weight of over 7.5t, with the exception of special vehicles and agricultural vehicles and material
<b>Area</b>	throughout the road and motorway network
<b>Prohibition</b>	on Saturdays 9, 23 and 30 July and 6 and 13 August 2011 from 07h00 to 19h00, then from 00h00 to 22h00 on Sunday ( <i>NB: driving authorised on these Saturdays from 19h00 to 24h00</i> ), <b>except</b> on Sunday 14 August : driving prohibited from 00h00 to 24h00.
<b>Derogations</b>	Permanent derogations apply (see below)

#### b. During the winter period

<b>Vehicles concerned</b>	trucks and combination vehicles with a maximum authorised weight of over 7.5t, with the exception of special vehicles and agricultural vehicles and material
<b>Prohibition</b>	on Saturdays 19 and 26 February and 5 and 12 March 2011 from 07h00 to 18h00 and from 22h00 to 22h00 on Sunday ( <i>NB: driving authorised on these Saturdays from 18h00 to 22h00</i> )

**Area** on the following routes (in both directions unless otherwise indicated):

#### *Bourg-en-Bresse - Chamonix*

A40	from Pont d'Ain (junction A40/A42) to Passy-le-Fayet (junction A40/RD1205)
RD1084	from Pont d'Ain (junction RD1084/RD1075) to Bellegarde
RD1206	from Bellegarde to Annemasse
RD1205	from Annemasse to Passy-le-Fayet
RN205	from Passy-Le-Fayet to Chamonix

#### *Lyon - Chambéry - Tarentaise - Maurienne*

A43	from the A46 south/A43 interchange to the A43/A432 interchange in the direction Lyon-Chambéry
A43	from the A43/A432 interchange to the Fréjus Tunnel
A430	from Pont Royal (junction A43/A430) to Gilly-sur-Isère (junction A430/RN90)

RD1090 from Pont-Royal to Gilly-sur-Isère (junction A430/RN90)  
 RN90 from Gilly-sur-Isère (junction A430/RN90) to Bourg-Saint-Maurice  
 RD1090 from Bourg-Saint-Maurice to Séez  
 RD306 (Rhône) and RD1006 (Isère and Savoie) from Saint-Bonnet-de-Mure to Freney  
 RN201 transit of Chambéry (VRU - urban rapid transit route)

*Lyon - Grenoble - Briançon*

A48 from Coiranne (junction A48/A43) to St Egrève (junction A48/A480)  
 A480 from St Egrève (junction A480/A48) to Pont-de-Claix (junction A480/RN85)  
 RN85 from Pont-de-Claix (junction A480/RN85) to Vizille (junction RN85/RD1091)  
 RD1091 from Vizille (junction RN85/RD1091) to Briançon

*Bellegarde and St Julien-en-Genevois - Annecy – Albertville*

A41 north from St Julien-en-Genevois (A40/A41 north junction) to Cruseilles (A410/A41 north junction)  
 RD1201 from St Julien-en-Genevois to Annecy  
 RD1508 from Bellegarde to Annecy  
 RD3508 Annecy bypass  
 RD1508 from Annecy to Ugine  
 RD1212 from Ugine to Albertville

*Annemasse – Sallanches - Albertville*

RD1205 from Annemasse to Sallanches  
 RD1212 from Sallanches to Albertville

*Chambéry - Annecy – Scientrier*

A410 from Scientrier (A410/A40 junction) to Cruseilles (A410/A41 north junction)  
 A41 north from Cruseilles (A410/A41 north junction) to the junction with the A43 at Chambéry  
 RD1201 between Chambéry and Annecy  
 RD1203 between Annecy and Bonneville

*Grenoble - Chambéry*

A41 south between Grenoble and the A43 (Francin interchange) at Montmélian northbound  
 RD1090 between Montmélian (73) and Pontcharra (38)

**Derogations**

Permanent derogations apply (see below)

**Art.3 Provisions applicable to certain motorway sections in the Ile-de-France region**

**Vehicles** trucks and combination vehicles with a maximum authorised weight of over 7.5t, with the exception of special vehicles and agricultural vehicles and material

**Area** the following sections of the Ile-de-France motorway network  
 A6a, A6b from the Boulevard Périphérique in Paris to their junction with the A6 and A10 (commune of Wissous)  
 A106 from its junction with the A6b to Orly airport  
 A6 from its junction with the A6a and A6b to its junction with the RN104-East (commune of Lisses)

- A10 from its junctions with the A6a and A6b to the RN20 (commune of Champlan)
- A12 from its junction with the A13 (Rocquencourt triangle) to the RN10 (commune of Montigny-le-Bretonneux)
- A13 from the Boulevard Périphérique in Paris to the Poissy-Orgeval interchange (commune of Orgeval)
- A14 owing to roadworks, the tunnel on motorway A14, under the La Défense area, is prohibited for HGVs until 2012.

**Prohibition**

outwards from Paris

- on Fridays from 16h00 to 21h00
- on the eve of a public holiday from 16h00 to 24h00
- on Saturdays from 10h00 to 18h00 and from 22h00 to 24h00
- on Sundays or public holidays from 00h00 to 24h00

inwards to Paris

- on Saturdays and on the eve of a public holiday from 22h00 to 24h00
- on Sundays or public holidays from 00h00 to 24h00
- on Mondays or the day after a public holiday from 06h00 to 10h00

**Art.4 Permanent derogations**

Permanent derogations, which are not subject to special authorisation, are granted for the following transport operations:

1. vehicles transporting, to the exclusion of all else, live animals or perishable goods or foodstuffs, provided that the quantity of goods constitutes at least half of the truck's payload or occupies at least half of the loading surface or volume of the vehicle. In the case of multiple deliveries, these minimum loading conditions no longer apply beyond the first point of delivery provided that further deliveries occur within a zone restricted to the region of origin of the first delivery point and the neighbouring departments or the region of origin of the first delivery point and adjacent regions within a distance of 150 kilometres.

The vehicles concerned are not subject to minimum load conditions and may travel empty if their movements consist of loading operations restricted to a zone consisting of the region of origin and its neighbouring departments or the region of origin and adjacent regions within a distance of 150 kilometres.

Vehicles transporting racehorses are not subject to minimum load conditions.

Vehicles which have been used to transport homing pigeons are authorised to travel empty throughout the road network.

Are considered perishable goods and products : eggs; live fish, crustaceans and shellfish; foodstuffs requiring refrigeration; frozen and deep-frozen foodstuffs, in particular meat products, seafood, milk and dairy products, egg-based products, yeast and vegetable products including refrigerated fruit juices and ready-to-use chopped raw vegetables; all foodstuffs which must be kept warm; fresh fruit and vegetables, including potatoes, onions and garlic; cut flowers, and potted plants and flowers; honey; animal carcasses.

- 2a. Vehicles engaged in the seasonal collection and transport of agricultural produce from the place of harvesting to the place of storage, processing, packaging or transformation, within an area made up of the region of origin and the neighbouring departments or the region of origin and adjacent regions within a distance of 150 kilometres.
- 2b. Vehicles engaged in the seasonal transport of beet pulp from the processing plant to the place of storage or use. These vehicles may not use the motorway network.
- 3a. Vehicles whose load is indispensable for the installation of economic, sporting, cultural, educational or political events which have been duly authorised, on condition that the said event is to take place on the same day or, at the latest, on the day following the transport.
- 3b. Vehicles transporting fireworks, the use of which has been duly authorised for the same day or the following day.

- 3c. Vehicles transporting hydrocarbon gas mixture, liquefied, NOS, UN1965, or petroleum products, UN 1202, 1203, 1223, necessary for duly authorised sporting competitions, on condition that the event justifying the transport operation is to be held on the same day as or, at the latest, the day after the transport operation.
4. Vehicles transporting newspapers and magazines only.
5. Vehicles carrying out office or factory removals in an urban area.
6. Vehicles specially equipped for the itinerant sale of the goods transported, within an area made up of the region of origin and the neighbouring departments or the region of origin and adjacent regions within a distance of 150 kilometres.
7. Vehicles belonging to tradesmen and which are used for the sale of their produce at fairs or markets within an area made up of the region of origin and the neighbouring departments or of the region of origin and adjacent regions within a distance of 150 kilometres.
8. Vehicles used for the transport of air freight, under cover of an air waybill.
9. Vehicles used for the transport of hospital waste or goods necessary for the operation of medical establishments.
10. Vehicles transporting medical gases.
11. Vehicles transporting industrial gamma radiography equipment.

For all vehicles benefiting from a permanent derogation, empty return is authorised within a zone restricted to the region of the last delivery point and the neighbouring departments or the region of the last delivery point and adjacent regions within a distance of 150 kilometres.

The vehicles mentioned under points 3, 6 and 7 may travel laden at the end of the event or the sale, within a zone restricted to the region of the place where the event or sale took place and its neighbouring departments or the region of the place where the event or sale took place and adjacent regions within a distance of 150 kilometres.

Unless other provisions apply, for the purposes of implementation of the provisions of this article, the region of origin is the region of departure of the vehicle (or of entry into France) for the transport operation concerned.

#### **Art.5 Short-term derogations**

Derogations to the driving restrictions laid down in articles 1 and 2 above, so-called short-term prefectural derogations, may be granted for

1. vehicles performing a transport operation considered as indispensable and urgent, namely those engaged in a goods transport operation to meet the needs caused by exceptional circumstances such as drought, flooding, or natural or humanitarian catastrophe;
2. vehicles engaged in waste transport for the clearing of rubbish dumps or slaughterhouses;
3. vehicles used to supply clean laundry to and remove dirty laundry from hotel complexes of a combined capacity of 1000 rooms and more;
4. tanker vehicles used for the supply of
  - service stations situated along motorways;
  - airports with aviation fuel.
5. vehicles transporting dangerous goods destined for urgent loading or resulting from urgent unloading in maritime ports.

The corresponding authorisations are issued by the Prefect of the department of departure for a period not exceeding the duration of the prohibition for which the derogations are requested. For transport operations originating outside France, the authorisation is issued by the Prefect of the department of entry into France.

## **Art.6 Long-term derogations**

Derogations to the driving restrictions laid down in articles 1 and 2 above, so-called long-term prefectural derogations, may be granted for

1. vehicles necessary to ensure the round-the-clock operation of certain production services or units. If dangerous goods transport is involved, these authorisations can only be issued subject to the approval of the interministerial committee on the transport of dangerous goods.
2. vehicles contributing to the provision of public services or emergency services to meet immediate collective needs.

Authorisations for the transport operations indicated in point 1 are issued by the Prefect of the department of loading (or of entry into France) subject to the approval of the Prefect of the department of destination (or of exit from France).

Authorisations for the transport operations indicated in point 2 are issued by the Prefect of the department of departure.

Long-term authorisations are issued for a maximum of one year.

## **Art.7 Lifting of restrictions - border zones**

In order to mitigate the consequences of the lack of harmonisation of traffic bans with those of neighbouring states, the Prefects of border departments have the possibility of granting derogations to the driving restrictions foreseen in articles 1 and 2 above.

## **Art.8 Lifting of restrictions - exceptional circumstances**

In the case of exceptional circumstances, if the vehicles mentioned in article 1 have been immobilised during the 12 hours preceding the beginning of a period of restriction foreseen in articles 1, 2 or 3 above, the departmental Prefects may, in coordination with the Prefects of the neighbouring departments, authorise them to travel during all or part of the period of restriction within a specific zone.

## **Art.9 Conditions of use of derogations**

For any vehicle granted a permanent derogation or a short or long-term individual prefectural derogation, the person in charge of the vehicle must be able to prove to the officers responsible for road traffic checks that the transport operation complies with the provisions of the derogation concerned.

The authorisation must be kept on board the vehicle. For it to be valid, it must be completed by the holder prior to the vehicle's departure, indicating the date of the transport operation and the vehicle's registration number.

An authorisation may be withdrawn by the issuing authority if the holder does not observe its terms of use or has provided erroneous information in order to obtain it.

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<b>Public holidays, 2011</b>	1 January	New Year's Day
	25 April	Easter Monday
	1 May	Labour Day*
	8 May	Armistice 1945*
	2 June	Ascension
	13 June	Whit Monday
	14 July	Bastille Day
	15 August	Assumption
	1 November	All Saints' Day

11 November                      Armistice 1918  
25 December                     Christmas Day\*  
\* Sunday

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## REGULATION ON THE DELIVERY AND LOADING OF GOODS - PARIS

This regulation on the delivery and loading of goods applies to professional transport operators carrying out a delivery and/or loading goods in Paris; companies transporting, delivering or loading goods in the framework of their activity; persons occasionally transferring goods.

**Vehicles concerned**      vehicles with a surface of less than 29m<sup>2</sup> and propelled by an electric, gas or hybrid engine or which meet the Euro 3 standard (until 31 December 2008), Euro 4 standard (from 1 January 2009) or Euro 5 standard (from 1 January 2010)

**Deliveries authorised**    24h a day

**Vehicles concerned**      vehicles with a surface of less than 29m<sup>2</sup>

**Deliveries authorised**    from 22h00 to 17h00

**Vehicles concerned**      vehicles with a surface of 43m<sup>2</sup> or less

**Deliveries authorised**    from 22h00 to 07h00

**Permanent derogation** for vehicles used for the following functions:

- security vans
- supply of markets
- deliveries of flour
- tankers
- car transporters
- vehicles transporting materials to or from building sites
- road maintenance vehicles
- refuse collection
- removals

### Notes:

- Stopping in Parisian delivery zones is limited to 30 minutes.
- Use of the "Goods Delivery" (*Livraison Marchandises*) disk is compulsory to indicate time of arrival and type of engine. Disks are available from the City of Paris authorities, professional associations, the Chamber of Commerce and police stations. The disk must be displayed visibly behind the windscreen.
- On dedicated bus lanes, delivery zones are for limited stops and not for parking. They are exclusively reserved for the loading and unloading of goods by professionals using goods vehicles.
- Further information may be obtained from the Mairie de Paris, Direction de la voirie et des déplacements, Section stationnement, 15 bd Carnot, 75012 Paris. Tel: (+33) 144 67 28 00.
- This regulation applies to Paris, unless otherwise provided for in a specific regulation.

**Source:** Bison Futé, January 2011

## Driving restrictions, goods transport Greece

- Vehicles concerned** goods vehicles with a payload of over 1.5t
- Prohibition**
- on 14 March, 24 March, 27 October, 23 December, 30 December 2011 and 5 January 2012 from 16h00 to 21h00;
  - on 21 April from 15h00 to 22h00;
  - on 22 April from 6h00 to 16h00;
  - on 29 April, 10 June and 12 August from 16h00 to 22h00;
  - on 30 April from 8h00 to 13h00;
  - from 15 June to 15 September, every Friday from 16h00 to 21h00.
- Area**
- Athens – Corinth – Patra motorway, in the direction of Patra, between Elefsina toll and Rio toll;
  - Athens – Lamia – Thessaloniki motorway, in the direction of Thessaloniki, between the junctions of Agios Stefanos (Kryoneri) and Bralos, between the junctions of Lamia and Raches Fthiotidos and from Larissa (km 365+400) to the region of Skotina (km 410);
  - Thessaloniki – N.Moudania motorway, in the direction of N.Moudania, between the bridge at Thermi and km 34;
  - Schimatari – Chalkida motorway, in the direction of Chalkida, from the intersection with the Athens-Thessaloniki motorway to the Chalkida bridge (km 12+300).
- Exceptions** vehicles transporting fresh milk, fresh fish, fresh meat or livestock as well as vehicles carrying fresh fruit and vegetables.
- Prohibition**
- on 5 March from 8h00 to 13h00;
  - on 7 March, 25 March and 28 October from 15h00 to 21h00;
  - on 25 April, 26 December, 2 January 2012 and 6 January 2012, from 15h00 to 22h00;
  - on 1 May, 13 June and 15 August, from 16h00 to 23h00;
  - from 15 June to 15 September, every Sunday from 15h00 to 22h00;
  - from 1 January to 14 June and from 16 September to 31 December, every Sunday from 15h00 to 21h00
- Area**
- Patras – Corinth – Athens motorway, in the direction of Athens, between Rio and Elefsina toll;
  - Thessaloniki – Athens motorway, in the direction of Athens, between the junctions of Raches Fthiotidos and Lamia and between the junctions of Bralos and Agios Stefanos (Kryoneri);
  - N.Moudania – Thessaloniki motorway, in the direction of Thessaloniki, between km 34 and the bridge at Thermi;
  - Chalkida – Schimatari motorway, in the direction of Athens, from the Chalkida bridge (km 12+300) to the intersection with the Athens-Thessaloniki motorway.
- Exceptions** vehicles transporting fresh milk, fresh fish, fresh meat or livestock as well as vehicles carrying fresh fruit and vegetables.
- Prohibition**
- from 15 June to 15 September, every Sunday from 16h00 to 23h00;
  - from 1 January to 14 June and from 16 September to 31 December, every Sunday from 15h00 to 21h00.
- Area**
- Thessaloniki – Athens motorway, in the direction of Athens, between

the Skotina region (km 410) and Larissa (km 365+400)

**Exceptions**

vehicles transporting fresh milk, fresh fish, fresh meat or livestock as well as vehicles carrying fresh fruit and vegetables.

**Public holidays 2011**

1 January	New Year's Day
6 January	Epiphany
7 March	Ash Monday
25 March	National holiday
22 April	Good Friday
24 April	Easter Day
25 April	Easter Monday
1 May	Labour Day
13 June	Whit Monday
15 August	Assumption
28 October	National holiday
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Boxing Day

**Source:** OFAE, January 2011