

ORDER
No. ПД - 11-1496
Sofia, 16.12.2019

REGARDING: Introduction of a temporary organization of traffic on sections of the national road network of motor vehicles intended for the carriage of goods with technically permissible maximum mass **exceeding 12 tonnes, including combinations with trailers and semi-trailers, agricultural and farming machinery, tractors and specialized construction equipment.**

In order to ensure the safety of traffic during the active summer season and public holidays (the last working day before the holidays and the last day of the weekend/holiday), taking into account the fact that the restrictive regime established in recent years for the movement of heavy goods vehicles on sections of motorways, first-class and second-class roads, has proven its effectiveness and preventive capability, with the aim of preventing and/or stopping public order violations in the use of these roads, as well as for provision of safe conditions for the life, health and property of citizens using the national road network, pursuant to Article 9(4) and (5), Article 21(d)(1) and (6) and Article 21(c)(2) of the Roads Act and Article 165(1)(8) of the Road Traffic Act, in connection with Article 10(1)(23) and Article 10(1)(4) of the Rules on the Structure, Activity and Organization of the work of the Road Infrastructure Agency (RIA), as well as in implementation of a decision of the Management Board of RIA, as reflected in Protocol No 24171/19 of the meeting, held on 16.12.2019

I HEREBY ORDER:

I. The restriction of the movement of motor vehicles for the carriage of goods with a technically permissible maximum mass exceeding 12 tonnes, including combinations of trailers and semi-trailers, agricultural and farming machinery, tractors and specialized construction equipment:

1. For the period from 15 June to 15 September 2020 inclusive, on the following motorways:

- Trakia Motorway
 - On Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the section from Sofia to Plovdiv in the direction of Plovdiv;
 - On Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the section from Plovdiv to Sofia in the direction of Sofia.

- Hemus Motorway
 - On Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the section from Sofia (km 0+000) to the road junction to the roundabout with road I-4 (km 87+600) in both directions;
 - On Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the section from Sofia (km 0+000) to the road junction to the roundabout with road I-4 (km 87+600) in both directions.

- Struma Motorway
 - On Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the section from Sofia (km 0+000) to Simitli in the direction of the Kulata border checkpoint;
 - On Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the section from Sandanski to Kresna in the direction of Sofia.

- Maritsa Motorway
 - On Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. from Harmanli to the Trakia Motorway in the direction of the Trakia Motorway;

2. For the period from 15 June to 15 September 2020 inclusive, on Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on sections of the national road network (NRN), as follows:

- Road I-1 — in the section from the village of Rebarkovo to Botevgrad in both directions;
- Road I-1 — in the section from stage connection of Lot 2 stage connection of Struma Motorway near Blagoevgrad to Kresna in both directions;
- Road I-5 — in the section from Ruse to Byala in both directions;
- Road I-9 — in the section from Varna to Burgas in both directions;
- Road II-99 — in the section from Burgas to Tsarevo in both directions.

3. In the public holiday period, within the meaning of Article 154(1) of the Labour Code, from 00:00 o'clock on 01.01.2020 to 00:00 o'clock on 01.01.2021 on the last business day before the holidays from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on the last day of the weekend/holiday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on motorways and sections of the national road network, as follows:

- Trakia Motorway
 - on the last working day in the section from Sofia to Plovdiv in the direction of Plovdiv;
 - on the last day of the weekend/holiday in the section from Sofia to Plovdiv in the direction of Plovdiv;
- Hemus Motorway
 - on the last working day in the section from Sofia (km 0+000) to the road junction to the roundabout with road I-4 (km 87+600) in both directions;
 - on the last day of the weekend (holiday) in the section from Sofia (km 0+000) to the road junction to the roundabout with road I-4 (km 87+600) in both directions.
- Struma Motorway
 - on the last working day in the section from Sofia to Simitli in the direction of the Kulata border checkpoint;
 - on the last day of the weekend/holiday in the section from Sandanski to Kresna in the direction of Sofia;
- Road I-1 — in the section from the village of Rebarkovo to Botevgrad in both directions;
- Road I-1 — in the section from the Lot 2 stage connection of the Struma Motorway near Blagoevgrad to Kresna in both directions;
- Road I-5 — in the section from Ruse to Byala in both directions;
- Road I-9 — in the section from Varna to Burgas in both directions;
- Road II-99 — in the section from Burgas to Tsarevo in both directions.
- Road I-4 – in the section from Koritna through Veliko Turnovo to Shumen in both directions;
- Road I-8 — in the section from the Kulata border checkpoint to Sofia in both directions;
- Road II-18 (Sofia ring road) in both directions;

4. In the public holiday period, within the meaning of Article 154(1) of the Labour Code, from 00:00 o'clock on 01.01.2020 to 00:00 o'clock on 01.01.2021, as follows:

- Maritsa Motorway
 - on the last day of the weekend (holiday) from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. from Harmanli to the Trakia Motorway in the direction of the Trakia Motorway.

The possible bypass routes of the sections of the national road network, restricted for the movement of the heavy goods vehicles, described from item 1 to item 4 inclusive, will be published on the official website of the RIA, in the Road Traffic Bulletin section.

On the official website of the Road Infrastructure Agency in the section “Maps”, a map with parking spaces and emergency site(s) for rest of heavy goods vehicles on the national road network is published.

The restriction under item I shall apply to all periods, in which more than one day of weekend or holiday is determined.

The restriction does not apply to motor vehicles transporting dangerous goods (ADR), live animals, perishable foodstuffs and temperature-controlled goods.

II. Road traffic restriction shall be introduced after all the conditions for traffic organization have been fulfilled and there is a strictly implemented signalisation onsite, which is accepted by protocols of committees involving representatives of the respective Regional Road Administration (RRA), Traffic Police department/sector at the district directorates of the Ministry of Interior and the Sofia Directorate of Interior (Traffic Police Department/Traffic Police Sector at the Sofia Directorate of Interior/the District Directorate of the Ministry of Interior). **Copies of the protocols to be sent to the RIA.**

III. The directors of DRDs, together with the directors of the Sofia Directorate of Interior/the District Directorate of the Ministry of Interior shall:

1. Determine appropriate stopping and parking locations for vehicles falling in a restricted traffic mode, which will be announced on the RIA website. If the parking spaces of the trucks are depleted, steps should be taken to coordinate in-depth preliminary stopping between: the directors of the respective RRAs and the Traffic Police Department/Traffic Police Sector at the Sofia Directorate of Interior/District Directorate of the Ministry of Interior, providing new additional stopping places, including in neighbouring areas with no restriction enforced.

2. Organize the monitoring of the traffic regime on the road sections and, if necessary, to make appropriate changes in the traffic regime of certain types of vehicles and on certain roads, depending on the specific traffic situation.

3. When introducing changes to the traffic regime under item 2, to inform the duty officers at the Emergency and Situation Center Department of the RIA, the Operational Duty Center at the National Police General Directorate and the National Coordination Center for Safe Road Traffic in a timely manner.

4. Provide signalling to the established traffic organization with road signs and signposts, as well as its maintenance. The introduced road traffic signs shall be accepted by a committee with representatives of the respective RRAs and the Traffic Police Department/Traffic Police Sector at the Sofia Directorate of Interior/District Directorate of the Ministry of Interior.

5. For the period during which the restriction does not apply, the temporary road traffic signs shall be covered or dismantled, for which protocols shall be drawn up by committees comprising representatives of the respective RRAs and the Traffic Police Department/Traffic Police Sector at the Sofia Directorate of Interior/District Directorate of the Ministry of Interior.

6. In sections with restrictions on traffic, no sporting events, processions or other events involving mass participation of motor vehicles shall be allowed.

7. During the effect of the restriction, motor vehicles intended for the carriage of goods with a technically permissible maximum mass exceeding 12 tonnes, including combinations of trailers and semi-trailers, agricultural and farming machinery, tractors and specialised construction machinery (**excluding vehicles transporting dangerous goods (ADR), live animals, perishable foodstuffs and temperature-controlled goods**) shall wait outside the carriageway at suitable places without interfering with other road users.

IV. The directors of RRAs of the national roads, to carry out the installation and dismantling of the temporary road traffic signs and jointly with the Directorates of the Sofia Directorate of Interior/District Directorate of the Ministry of Interior to determine the locations for their deployment.

V. The road traffic signs shall comply with BDS 1517:2006 "Road traffic signs. Dimensions and fonts.". The Heads of the Investment Repair Activities departments at the respective RRAs shall be responsible for its integrity, serviceability and maintenance.

VI. The traffic under item I, item 1 and item 2 is to be normalized on 16 September 2020.

VII. This Order shall be disseminated to the RRA, the National Police General Directorate of the Ministry of Interior, Executive Agency Automobile Administration at the Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, the District Directorate of the Ministry of Interior, the Sofia Directorate of Interior, the National Coordination Centre for Safe Road Traffic for information, implementation and enforcement of direct control, as well as to the Road Traffic Safety State Agency for information.

This Order shall be published on the official website of the Road Infrastructure Agency and shall be placed on the notice board at the headquarters of the Central Administration of the Road Infrastructure Agency, with address: 3 Macedonia Blvd..

This Order is subject to amendment pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Code.

According to Article 179 of the Administrative Procedure Code, this Order may be appealed within one month from its publication on the website of the Road Infrastructure Agency.

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