



Fact Sheet Road Transportation France

Maximum allowable dimensions of the vehicle incl. cargo:

Height 4,00 meters

Width 2,55 meters (Temperature controlled unit 2,60 meters)

Length 16,50 meters

Maximum allowed weight of total combination (Incl. Container Weight):

Vehicles consisting of 5 axles 40,00 tons

Vehicles in intermodal or sea-land transportation* 44,00 tons

- *The exceptional maximum weight is only allowed in combination with sea- or intermodal transportation, the distance in a straight line to the nearest port or intermodal terminal can never be more than 100 km.*

As a rule of thumb please use 13 tons for the vehicle and chassis without the container, 2,5 tons for a empty 20' unit and 4 tons for a 40' unit.

Freight vehicles are banned on all French roads on all official holidays including but not limited to:

- January 1st
- Eastern
- Labour Day, May 1st
- Liberation Day, May 8th
- Ascension Day - July 14th
- November 11th , Armistice WWI
- Christmas, 25 and 26th of December

In some cases vehicles are banned as from the Saturday prior the holiday 22:00 until the day of the holiday 22:00.

The ban of freight vehicles is applicable regardless whether the vehicle is loaded or empty. Exception is the A16 between Calais and Belgium in order to allow Ferry traffic to continue.

Around Paris no exceptions and exemptions are possible. In the rest of France exceptions are possible but very restricted and no exceptions can be found that relate to transportation of containers. Only exception here being Perishable goods in temperature controlled units.

Toll:

France has an extensive Toll network and most major roads are subject to Toll. The exact cost vary per vehicle, number of axles and roads.