



DHL Freight road freight schedules during summer 2024

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European bank holidays, holiday season and driving bans for heavy vehicles cause changes to our regular international road transport schedules to and from Finland.

Driving bans

Many countries in mainland Europe impose additional bans on the driving of heavy vehicles on weekends. For example, Germany - which is also an important transit area for goods traffic to many other countries - has a driving ban on motorways in place from July 1 to August 31 on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., in addition to the regular driving ban on Sundays and public holidays (from midnight to 10 p.m.). Even other countries impose various driving bans. For example, driving bans in Poland from June 21 to September 1 on Fridays from 6 to 10 p.m., on Saturdays between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. and on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. impact international traffic in Central Eastern Europe. Driving bans usually cause a 1-2 days' delay to normal transit times in both import and export.

Impact of bank holidays

Bank holidays can cause delays to pickups and deliveries in both export and import and changes to loading and unloading schedules.

Week 25: Due to Midsummer Eve, Friday groupage departures from Finland are removed to Thursday June 20; thus pick-up of shipments needs to take place earlier, accordingly.

Bank holidays in Europe from June to August

Mon June 3	Ireland
Wed June 5	Denmark
Thu June 6	Sweden
Mon June 10	Portugal
Fri June 21	Sweden
Mon June 24	Estonia, Latvia
Fri July 5	Czech Republic; groupage loading to Finland on Thu July 4
Fri July 12.	UK
Thu August 1	Switzerland
Mon August 5	UK, Ireland
Thu August 15	Austria, Belgium, France, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Spain, parts of Germany. At least in Italy, terminals and many businesses are closed also on Friday August 16.
Tue August 20	Estonia
Mon August 26	UK

Holiday season impacts

Poland and Czech Republic

During calendar weeks 30-33, groupage departures from Poland and the Czech Republic to Finland will only take place on Fridays; other weekly departures will be temporarily suspended.

During calendar weeks 31-33, the Wednesday groupage departures from Finland to Poland will be cancelled; Friday departures will be operated according to normal schedule.

Italy

Import from Italy to Finland during calendar weeks 32-34: Groupage departures to Finland take place on Fridays only. Domestic transports in Italy are subject to holiday schedules.

It is to be expected that during the weeks 29-31, before the main holiday season in Italy, there will be high demand on transportation from Italy to Finland. Please book your shipments for these weeks as early as possible to secure transport capacity.

Export from Finland to Italy during weeks 29-32: Groupage departures only to Milan, from where the shipments are forwarded to other parts of Italy with exceptional routings and schedules.

Part and full loads need to be agreed upon with our customer service. We shall do our best to serve you with special arrangements if necessary.

For more information, please reach out to our customer service.

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