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## Summer Schedules for DHL Freight's European Road Transport

Public holidays, the holiday season, and driving restrictions for heavy goods vehicles will cause changes to the normal schedules of international road transport to and from Finland during the summer.

### Midsummer

During Midsummer week, Friday export departures will exceptionally be moved to Thursday, 18 June.

### Traffic Restrictions

Additional weekend driving restrictions for heavy goods vehicles apply across Europe during the summer months. In Germany—also a key transit country for a large share of European freight—driving bans are in force from 1 July to 31 August on motorways on Saturdays from 07:00 to 20:00, in addition to the regular Sunday and public holiday ban from 00:00 to 22:00. Similar restrictions of varying duration also apply in other countries.

For example, in Poland, which impacts shipments to Central and Eastern Europe, weekend driving bans are in effect from 26 June to 30 August as follows: Fridays 18:00–22:00, Saturdays 08:00–14:00, and Sundays 08:00–22:00. These restrictions may cause delays of 1–2 days in both import and export transit times.

### Impact of Public Holidays

Public holidays may cause delays in pick-ups and deliveries in both export and import flows, as well as changes to loading schedules.

### Public Holidays in Europe (June–August)

Mon 1 June	Greece, Ireland, Romania
Tue 2 June	Italy
Thu 4 June	Parts of Germany (Central West Germany, Southern Germany)
Fri 5 June	Denmark
Fri 19 June	Sweden
Mon 22 June	Latvia
Tue 23 June	Estonia, Latvia
Wed 24 June	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Spain
Mon 6 July	Lithuania, Czech Republic
Tue 14 July	France
Tue 21 July	Belgium
Mon 3 August	Ireland
Thu 20 August	Estonia, Hungary
Fri 21 August	Hungary
Mon 31 August	United Kingdom

## Seasonal Impacts by Region

### Baltics

Week 26: Tuesday and Wednesday, 23–24 June, are public holidays in Estonia and Latvia. Wednesday, 24 June, is a public holiday in Lithuania.

For groupage shipments in the Baltics, import departure days are Monday, 22 June, and Thursday–Friday, 25–26 June. Export loading takes place on Monday–Tuesday, 22–23 June, and Thursday–Friday, 25–26 June.

### Poland and the Czech Republic

During weeks 31–33, groupage shipments from Poland and the Czech Republic to Finland will be loaded only on Fridays. Early-week departures will be temporarily suspended.

During weeks 31–33, Wednesday groupage departures from Finland to Poland will be suspended, while Friday departures will operate according to the normal schedule.

### Italy

At the beginning of August, a large number of consignors and consignees in Italy close operations for approximately 2–3 weeks. As a result, delays in pick-up and delivery services are expected. Export operations continue normally via Milan, but overall capacity is temporarily reduced.

### Further Information

DHL Freight Customer Service and the Key Account Desk operate throughout the summer during normal business hours (Monday–Friday, 08:00–16:00).

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