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DHL Freight's European Road Transport Schedules During Summer

Public holidays, the holiday season, and traffic restrictions for heavy vehicles will cause changes to the usual international road transport schedules from/to Finland during the summer.

Driving Restrictions

During the summer months, there are additional weekend driving bans for heavy traffic on European roads.

In Germany, which is a key transit country for many shipments, driving bans for heavy vehicles are in effect from July 1 to August 31 on Saturdays from 7:00 to 20:00, in addition to the regular Sunday and public holiday ban from 00:00 to 22:00. Other countries also impose various types of driving bans.

For example, in Central and Eastern Europe, weekend driving bans in Poland are enforced during July and August on Fridays from 18:00 to 22:00, Saturdays from 8:00 to 14:00 and Sundays from 8:00 to 22:00.

These bans may cause delays of 1-2 days in both import and export shipments compared to normal delivery times.

Effects of Public Holidays

Public holidays may cause delays in deliveries and pickups for both imports and exports, as well as changes to loading schedules.

Public Holidays in Europe (June-August)

Fri 20.6.	Sweden
Mon 23.6.	Estonia, Latvia
Tue 24.6.	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
Fri 1.8.	Switzerland
Fri 15.8.	Belgium, Spain, Italy, Austria, Lithuania, France, Portugal, Poland, parts of Germany.
Wed 20.8.	Estonia
Wed 20.8.	Hungary
Mon 25.8.	United Kingdom
Fri 29.8.	Slovakia



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Holiday Season Impacts

Baltics

Week 26: Monday and Tuesday (23–24 June) are holidays in Estonia and Latvia. Tuesday 24 June is also a holiday in Lithuania

- Imports from the Baltics: First dispatch day is Wednesday 25 June.
- Exports to the Baltics: Loads are collected on Monday 23 June, and resume normal schedule starting Wednesday 25 June.

Poland and Czech Republic

During weeks 31–33, only Friday dispatches of groupage shipments to Finland will take place. Early-week departures are temporarily suspended.

From Finland to Poland: Wednesday groupage shipments are cancelled during weeks 31–33; Friday departures follow the normal schedule.

Italy

Import during weeks 32-34: Cargo will be loaded from Italy to Finland only on Fridays. Exception schedules apply to internal transport within Italy.

It is expected that there will be high demand for imports from Italy to Finland during the weeks leading up to the Italian summer holiday season – weeks 29-31. We kindly ask you to place transport orders as early as possible to ensure transport capacity.

Additional Information

Freight Customer Service Summer Opening Hours: 9 June – 29 August 2025

Customer Service is available Mon–Fri from 8:00 to 16:00 Key Account Desk is available from 8:00 to 17:00

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Regular customer service hours (8:00–17:00) will resume on Monday 1 September 2025.

We reserve the right to make changes.