

COUNTRY: Sweden

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Restrictions

The Sweden government has taken measures introducing social distancing to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Freight transport activities within, to and from Sweden are not impacted by these measures.

Relieves

The Swedish Transport Agency states that Sweden plans to adopt a [temporary and limited relaxation](#) on the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers of vehicles transporting all types of goods and transport of passengers.

This temporary relaxation applies from 15 April 2020 and will run until 31 May 2020. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of the [EU Regulation 561/2006](#). It will apply to all drivers, irrespective of their nationality, when operating on the Swedish territory.

For the above-mentioned category of drivers, the following provisions will be temporarily relaxed as follows:

- Derogation to Article 6(1) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.
- Derogation to Article 6(2) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours.
- Derogation to Article 6(3) of Regulation 561/2006: replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 120 hours.
- No derogation to Article 7 of Regulation 561/2006.
- Derogation to Article 8(1) of Regulation 561/2006: reduction of the regular daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours.
- Derogation to Article 8(6) of Regulation 561/2006: reduction of the regular weekly rest period from 45 hours to 24 hours.

- Derogation to Article 8(8) of Regulation 561/2006: possibility for the driver to take the regular weekly rest shorter than 45 hours in the vehicle, as long as it has suitable sleeping facilities for each driver and the vehicle is stationary.

On 25 May, it was confirmed that relaxations of driving and rest times rules currently in place will not be extended further. Therefore, as from 00:00 on 1 June, normal driving and rest time periods will apply.

More information can be found [here](#).

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