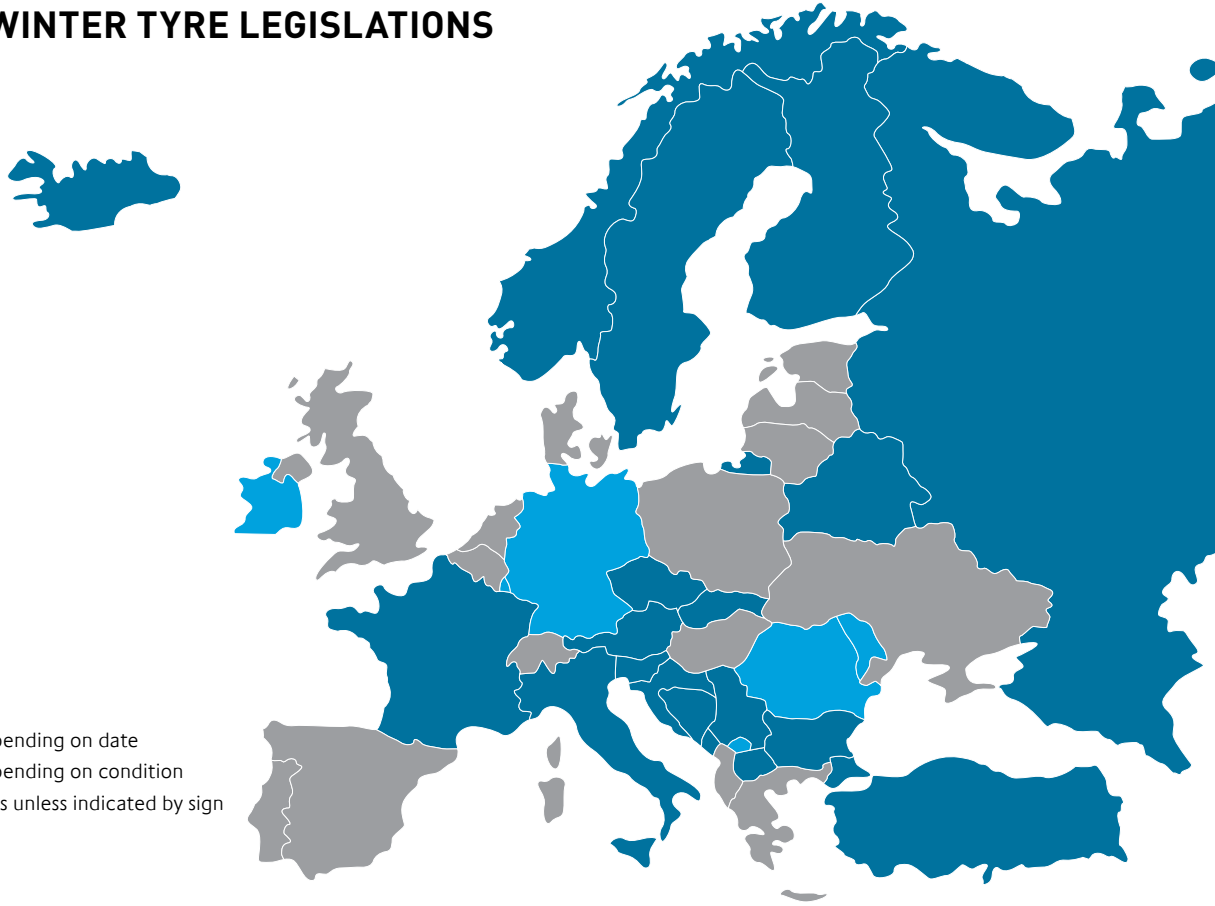
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# TRUCK & BUS WINTER TYRE LEGISLATIONS



## LEGEND

- Winter regulations depending on date
- Winter regulations depending on condition
- No general winter tyres unless indicated by sign

## Austria

01.11 to 15.04 (trucks > 3,5 tons).

01.11 to 15.03 (busses).

M+S or 3PMSF on minimum drive axle.

RTD 5.0 mm (radial) or 6.0 mm (bias).

Chains for at least 2 drive wheels must be carried on board.

Studded tyres not allowed on vehicles with a total weight exceeding 3.5 tons.

## Belarus

In winter period (December, January and February) trucks and buses must be equipped on all axles with tyres marked M+S or 3PMSF-Symbol.

Minimum tread depth: 4 mm.

Snow chains only allowed on roads covered with snow and ice.

Studded tyres are allowed in winter period.

Use of studded tyres is forbidden in the summer months (June, July, August).

## Bosnia and Herzegovina

15.11 to 15.04.

M+S or 3PMSF on minimum drive axle.

RTD 4.0 mm (all axles).

Chains mandatory if no M+S or 3PMSF.

Studded tyres are prohibited.

## Bulgaria

15.11 to 01.03.

Vehicles must be fitted either with winter tyres (M+S or 3PMSF), or with other type of tyres with a minimum tread depth of 4mm.

Studded tyres are prohibited.

## Croatia

15.11 to 15.04.

Minimum RTD for all position 4 mm,
M+S or 3PMSF on minimum drive axle
or Chains allowed for min. 4.0 mm RTD on drive axle.

Studded tyres are prohibited.

## Czech Republic

01.11 to 31.03 or when road sign.

M+S or 3PMSF on minimum drive axle.

RTD 6.0 mm (drive) - 1.6 mm (other).

Chains allowed for min. 6.0 mm RTD.

Studded tyres are prohibited.

## Finland

01.11 to 31.03.

M+S or 3PMSF on minimum drive axle.

(M+S not sufficient from 30.11.2024, only 3PMSF or POR or chains allowed).

RTD 5.0 mm (drive) - 3.0 mm (other).

Chains allowed in winter conditions.

## France

1.11 to 31.03

**Trucks without trailer or semitrailer and busses** must have snow chains on board to fit at least two driving wheels

or

at least two steered wheels of the main steering system and at least two driving wheels equipped with tires marked M+S or 3PMSF (from 1.11.2024 tires marked with M+S & 3PMSF).

**Trucks with trailer or semitrailer** must have snow chains on board to fit at least two driving wheels.

## Germany

Roads covered, expected snow/ice/slush.

M+S & 3PMSF on steering and drive axle(s) [1].

RTD 1.6 mm (all axles).

Chains allowed in winter conditions.

Studded tyres are prohibited.

## Iceland

Winter tyres with M+S mark: Mandatory from 01/11 to 15/04.

Snow chains: Authorised.

Studded tyres: Authorised. Maximum speed 90 km/h.

## Ireland

RTD 1.0 mm.

Chains and studded tyres only allowed on roads covered with snow and ice.

## Italy

15.11 to 15.04.

RTD 1.6 mm.

Chains or winter tyres (M+S or 3PMSF) mandatory when indicated by road signs.

Studded tyres not allowed on vehicles with a total weight exceeding 3.5 tons.

## Kosovo

Roads covered, expected snow/ice/slush.

M+S or 3PMSF on minimum drive axle.

RTD 4.0 mm (all axles).

Chains mandatory for min. 4.0 mm RTD.

Studded tyres are prohibited.

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1) M+S on drive axle(s) only if the tyres were produced in year 2017 or before.

## Liechtenstein

RTD 1.6 mm.

Vehicles must be equipped with tyres appropriate to the weather conditions.

Chains mandatory when indicated.

## Luxembourg

Roads covered, expected snow/ice/slush.

M+S & 3PMSF on drive axle(s) [1].

RTD 1.6 mm (all axles).

Chains allowed in winter conditions.

Studded tyres not allowed on vehicles with a total weight exceeding 3.5 tons.

## Moldova

If the roadway is covered in snow or ice the heavy vehicles with a GVW > 3.5 t must be equipped on the drive axles with tyres marked "M + S" or "3PMSF".

Snow chains are allowed as alternative to snow tyres.

Studded tyres are not allowed, except when significant differences of meteorological conditions throughout the Republic of Moldova are confirmed.

## Montenegro

01.11 to 01.04.

M+S or 3PMSF on drive axle.

RTD 4.0 mm (all axles).

Chains allowed in winter conditions.

Studded tyres are prohibited.

## North Macedonia

15.11 to 15.03.

M+S or 3PMSF on all axles with min tread depth of 6.0 mm on drive, or summer tyres on all axles with at least tread depth 4.0 mm and snow chains on drive wheels.

Studded tyres are prohibited.

## Norway

15.11 to 31.03.

3PMSF on steer and drive axles; M+S on trailer axles.

RTD 5.0 mm (all axles).

Chains allowed in winter conditions.

## Romania

M+S needed on drive axles for trucks and buses on roads covered with snow or ice.

RTD 1.6 mm (all axles).

Chains mandatory if no M+S or 3PMSF.

Studded tyres are prohibited.

## Russia

In winter period (December, January and February) trucks and buses must be equipped on all axles with tyres marked M+S or 3PMSF-Symbol.

Minimum tread depth: 4 mm.

Snow chains are not compulsory.

Studded tyres are allowed in winter period. Use of studded tyres is prohibited in the summer months (June, July, August).

## Serbia

01.11 to 01.04.

M+S or 3PMSF on drive axle.

RTD 4.0 mm (all axles).

Chains allowed on drive axle.

Studded tyres are prohibited.

## Slovakia

15.11 to 31.03.

M+S or 3PMSF on minimum drive axle.

RTD 3.0 mm (all axles).

Chains allowed when indicated.

Studded tyres are prohibited.

## Slovenia

15.11 to 31.03.

M+S or 3PMSF on minimum drive axle.

RTD 3.0 mm (drive axles) - 1.0 mm (steer / trailer).

Chains allowed for min. 3.0 mm RTD.

Studded tyres are prohibited.

## Sweden

01.12 to 31.03.

M+S or 3PMSF on all axles [2].

(M+S not sufficient from 1.12.2024, 3PMSF will be required on all axles other than trailer).

RTD 5.0 mm (all axles other than trailer).

1.6 mm (trailer).

Chains only allowed in winter conditions.

## Turkey

Winter tyre use is mandatory at inter-city roads between Dec 1st and Apr 1st.

All tyres of drive axles must be marked M+S or 3PMSF.

Minimum tread depth: 4 mm.

Spare tyre need to be marked M+S or 3PMSF in case of replacing on road during winter period.

Studded tyres are allowed.

Carrying snow chain or mounting it on tyres does not replace the usage of tyres marked M+S or 3PMSF.

1) M+S on drive axle(s) only if the tyres were produced in year 2017 or before.
2) Studded tyres or tyres marked "POR" are exempted from 3PMSF marking requirement.

## Albania

Snow chains for the drive axle must be carried inthe vehicle.

Use according to traffic signs and road conditions.

Studded tyres are prohibited.

## Belgium

RTD 1.6 mm.

Chains allowed in winter conditions.

Studded tyres not allowed on vehicles with a total weight exceeding 3.5 tons.

## Denmark

RTD 1.0 mm.

Chains only allowed on roads covered with snow and ice.

## Estonia

Heavy vehicles with GVW > 3.5 t do not require winter tyres.

Minimum tread depth: 3 mm.

Snow chains only allowed on roads covered with snow and ice.

Studded tyres are allowed from Oct. 1st to Apr. 30th.

## Hungary

Chains: allowed only on snow and ice covered roads.

Speed limit with chains: 50 Km/h.

Studded tyres are prohibited.

## Greece

2.00 mm (steer) – 1.6 mm (other).

Chains mandatory when indicated.

## Latvia

Heavy vehicles with GVW > 3.5 t do not require winter tyres.

Minimum tread depth: 3 mm.

Snow chains only allowed on roads covered with snow and ice.

Studded tyres are allowed from Oct. 1st to Apr. 30th.

## Lithuania

Heavy vehicles with GVW > 3.5 t do not require winter tyres.

Snow chains only allowed on roads covered with snow and ice.

Studded tyres allowed from Nov. 1st and Apr. 1st.

## The Netherlands

RTD 1.6 mm.

Chains not allowed.

Studded tyres are prohibited.

## Poland

RTD 1.6 mm - 3.0 mm for all busses (coach / city bus).

Chains mandatory when indicated.

Studded tyres are prohibited.

## Portugal

RTD 1.0 mm.

No general winter tyre regulation.

Chains mandatory on drive axles when indicated on road signs.

Studded tyres are prohibited.

## Spain

Trucks must circulate in the right lane and cannot overtake on roads with green level.

Trucks and articulated vehicles are not allowed to circulate on roads with yellow or red level.

Buses are not allowed to circulate on roads with red level.

Exceptions in high mountain roads with red level (15/TV-87):

- Buses can drive with tyres marked with the 3PMSF symbol in all positions and minimum tread depth 4 mm.
- Rigid trucks between 3.5 t and 7.5t GVW only for garbage collection, food distribution, transport of fluxes.
- Assistance vehicles can drive with tyres marked with M+S in all positions and minimum tread depth 4 mm.

## Switzerland

RTD 1.6 mm.

Vehicles must be equipped with tyres appropriate to the weather conditions.

Chains mandatory when indicated.

## Ukraine

RTD 1.0 mm Trucks and their Trailers, 2.0 mm Buses.

No general winter tyre regulations but In the case of continuous operation of the vehicle on slippery roads, it is recommended to use tyres that match road conditions.

Snow chains only allowed on roads covered with snow and ice.

Studded tyres are allowed.

## United Kingdom

RTD 1.0 mm.

Chains and studded tyres only allowed on roads covered with snow and ice.