



Factsheet Container Road Transportation Germany

Maximum allowable dimensions of the truck and chassis, incl. container:

Height	4,00 meters
Width	2,55 meters
Length	16,50 meters

Maximum allowed weight of total combination (Incl. Container Weight):

Vehicles consisting of 5 axles	40,00 Tons
Vehicles in intermodal (combined) transportation*	44,00 Tons

* The exceptional max. weight of 44 Tons is only allowed for intermodal (combined) transportation (barge-truck and/or rail-truck), the distance in a straight line to the nearest inland barge or rail terminal can never be more than 150 km.

In general you can calculate with the following weights:

- Combination of truck and chassis (without container)	14 Tons
- 20' container standard	2,4 Tons
- 40' container standard	3,8 Tons
- 40' container highcube	3,9 Tons
- 45' container highcube	4,8 Tons
- 20' reefer standard	2,9 Tons
- 40' reefer highcube	4,4 Tons

In Germany, in case of an accident involving an overloaded truck resulting in casualties and/or fatalities, any person within the logistics chain who was aware that a truck would be too heavy, will be held personally liable based on criminal law.

Driving restrictions freight vehicles

Freight vehicles are banned on all German roads on Sundays and on official holidays from 00.00 till 22.00.

During the Holliday season, starting July 1st until August 31st, the ban is extended with Saturdays 07:00-20:00 on some of the motorways. The ban of freight vehicles is applicable regardless whether the vehicle is loaded or empty. The ban is not applicable from 22:00 till 00:00, after that, the normal Sunday driving ban is applicable.

Road tax

Germany works with the so called "Maut" system, whereby trucks have to pay for the actual usage of the German motorways on a km basis. The cost per km depends on the environmental classification of the truck (EUR 1 - EUR 6)