

**Maximum permitted weights and dimensions, goods transport  
Netherlands**

<b>Height</b>	4.00m
<b>Width</b>	
Motor vehicle/trailer	2.55m
Refrigerated vehicle	2.60m
<b>Length<sup>1</sup></b>	
Motor vehicle/trailer	12.00m
Articulated vehicle	16.50m
Road train	18.75m
Car transporter (loaded)	20.75m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Weight per axle<sup>3</sup></b>	
single axle	10.0t
drive axle	11.5t
tandem axle of a motor vehicle, with a distance between the axles of	
· 1.00m to less than 1.30m	16.0t
· 1.30m to less than 1.80m	18.0t
· 1.30m to less than 1.80m, and the drive axle is fitted with twin tyres and air suspension or equivalent, or if each drive axle is fitted with twin tyres and the maximum weight per axle does not exceed 9.5t	19.0t
tandem axle of a trailer or semi-trailer, with a distance between the axles of	
· less than 1.00m	11.0t
· 1.00m to less than 1.30m	16.0t
· 1.30m to less than 1.80m	18.0t
· 1.80m or more	20.0t
tridem axle of a trailer or semi-trailer, with a distance between the axles of	
· up to 1.30m	21.0t
· 1.31m to less than 1.80m	24.0t
· 1.31m to less than 1.80m, if the drive axle is equipped with twin wheels and pneumatic suspension or equivalent	27.0t
<b>Maximum permitted weight<sup>4</sup></b>	
Motor vehicle	
· with 2 axles	21.5t
· with 3 axles	33.0t
· with 4 axles	43.0t <sup>5</sup>
Trailer	
· with 2 axles	20.0t
· with 3 axles	30.0t
Articulated vehicle	
· with 3 axles	30.0t
· with 4 axles	40.0t
· with 5/6 axles	50.0t
Road train	
· with 4 axles	40.0t
· with 5/6 axles	50.0t

<sup>1</sup> According to Dutch law, an indivisible load may exceed the above lengths to the front by 3.50m from the steering wheel, and to the rear by 5.00m from the rear axle.

<sup>2</sup> including an overhang which must not exceed 0.50m to the front and 2.00m to the rear

<sup>3</sup> On secondary roads, the load per wheel must not exceed 2.4t

<sup>4</sup> The maximum total weight is determined by the axle weights up to a maximum of 50.0t.

<sup>5</sup> Over and above 4-axle lorries and under certain conditions, the Netherlands authorise 5-axle lorries with a maximum laden weight of 50.0t. It is the only EU member state to have authorised this type of lorry.

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