



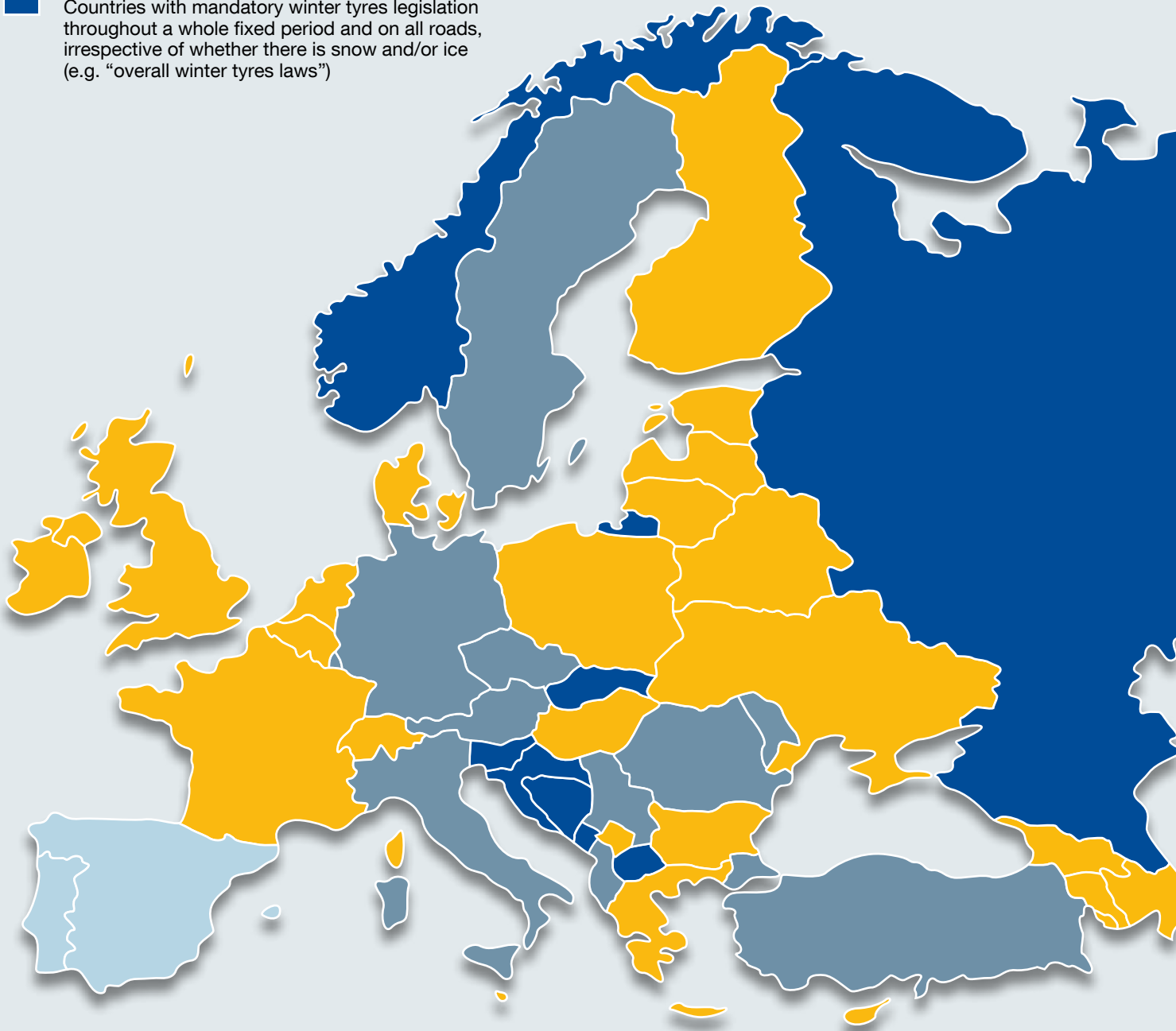


WINTER TIRE REQUIREMENTS FOR HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN EUROPE

-  Countries with no requirements for winter tyres
-  Countries with local requirements for winter tyres/use of chains
-  Countries with requirements for winter tyres and/or other winter equipment in certain circumstances or on certain roads (e.g. "partial obligations for winter tyres")
-  Countries with mandatory winter tyres legislation throughout a whole fixed period and on all roads, irrespective of whether there is snow and/or ice (e.g. "overall winter tyres laws")





Albania

Winter conditions, depending on region/road

Winter tyres legislation

None

Use of chains

Compulsory chains in certain regions
This obligation applies to truck drive and trailer axles



Austria

November 1 – April 15 + winter conditions

Winter tyres legislation

M+S on drive axles with min 6mm tread depth for bias tyres
and 5mm for radials

Use of chains

Alternative for summer tyres with minimum 2 tyres equipped on
the drive axles



Belgium

Winter tyres legislation

None



Bosnia & Herzegovina

November 15 – March 15

Winter tyres legislation

M+S tyres on drive axles with min 4mm tread depth

Use of chains

Summer tyres with min 4mm tread depth plus chains allowed on
drive axles



Bulgaria

Winter tyres legislation

None

Use of chains

Alternative for summer tyres with chains on drive axles



Croatia

November 15 – April 15

Winter tyres legislation

M+S tyres on drive axles with min 4mm tread depth

Use of chains

Alternative summer tyres with min 4mm tread depth plus chains
on drive axles



Cyprus

Winter tyres legislation

None



Czech Republic

November 1 – April 30 + winter conditions

Winter tyres legislation

M+S tyres on drive axles with min 6mm tread depth

Use of chains

Not allowed



Denmark

Winter tyres legislation

None



Estonia

Winter tyres legislation

None



Finland

Winter tyres legislation

None



France

Winter tyres legislation

None



Germany

Winter tyres legislation

Winter conditions

M+S tyres on drive axles

Use of chains

Alternative with 50km/h speed limit



Greece

Winter tyres legislation

None

Use of chains

Mandatory use of chains when police advise



Hungary

Winter tyres legislation

None



Ireland

Winter tyres legislation

None



Italy

Winter tyres legislation

November 15 – April 15 in winter conditions (signs indicate)

M+S tyres on drive axles

Use of chains

Allowed



Kosovo

Winter tyres legislation

None

Use of chains

Obligation for chains on drive axles where indicated



Latvia

Winter tyres legislation

None

Use of chains

Not allowed



Lithuania

Winter tyres legislation

None

Use of chains

Not allowed



Luxembourg

Winter conditions

Winter tyres legislation

M+S tyres on drive axles

Use of chains

Not allowed



Macedonia

November 15 – March 15

Winter tyres legislation

M+S tyres on drive axles with min 6mm tread depth

Use of chains

Alternative of summer tyres with min 6mm tread depth and chains on all axles



Malta

Winter tyres legislation

None



Moldova

December 1 – March 31 when road covered by ice/snow

Winter tyres legislation

M+S tyres on drive axles

Use of chains

Allowed



Montenegro

November 15 – April 1

Winter tyres legislation

M+S tyres on drive axles



Netherlands

Winter tyres legislation

None

Use of chains

Not allowed



Norway

Winter tyres legislation

November 15 - March 31
October 16 - April 30 in Nordland, Tromms and Finnmark

M+S or 3PMSF tyres on all axles, including retractable/lift axles and trailers

Min 5mm tread depth from November 1 - 1st Monday after Easter/
October 16 - April 30 in Nordland, Tromms and Finnmark

Use of chains

Obligatory to have min. 3 to 7 sets of chains depending on number of axles (November 1 - 1st Monday after Easter/
October 16 - April 30 in Nordland, Tromms and Finnmark)



Poland

Winter tyres legislation

None

Use of chains

Obligation for chains where indicated on roads



Portugal

Winter tyres legislation

M+S tyres or chains on roads with sign

None

Use of chains

Allowed by road signs



Romania

Winter tyres legislation

When roads have winter conditions - snow and ice

M+S tyres on drive axles

Use of chains

Alternative summer tyres plus chains on drive axles



Russia

Winter tyres legislation

December – February

M+S or 3PMSF tyres on all axles with min 4mm tread depth

Use of chains

Not allowed



Serbia

Winter tyres legislation

November 1 – April 1 + winter conditions

M+S tyres on drive axles with min 4mm tread depth

Use of chains

Summer tyres with 4mm tread depth plus chains on drive axles



Slovakia

November 15 – March 31

Winter tyres legislation

M+S tyres on drive axles with min 3mm tread depth

Use of chains

Not allowed



Slovenia

November 15 – March 15

Winter tyres legislation

M+S tyres on drive axles with min 3mm tread depth

Use of chains

Alternative summer tyres with min 3mm tread depth plus chains on drive axles



Spain

Depending on weather conditions or road signs

Winter tyres legislation

M+S on drive axles if required by police

Use of chains

Obligation for chains where indicated on roads



Sweden

December 1 – March 31 + winter conditions

Winter tyres legislation

**M+S and/or 3PMSF tyres on drive axles
Min 5.0 mm tread depth from December 1 – March 31 on drive and steer axle but not on trailer**

Use of chains

Allowed on drive axles in winter conditions



Switzerland

Winter tyres legislation

None



Turkey

December 1 - April 1 + winter conditions (can be extended to an additional month if weather conditions require)

Winter tyres legislation

**M+S and/or 3PMSF on both axles of light trucks and minibuses;
M+S and/or 3PMSF on drive axles of trucks, tow trucks, tankers, buses with min 4mm tread depth**

Use of chains

Allowed but not as an alternative for winter tyres



Ukraine

Winter tyres legislation

None

Use of chains

Chains only allowed on roads covered with snow and ice



United Kingdom

Winter tyres legislation

None