



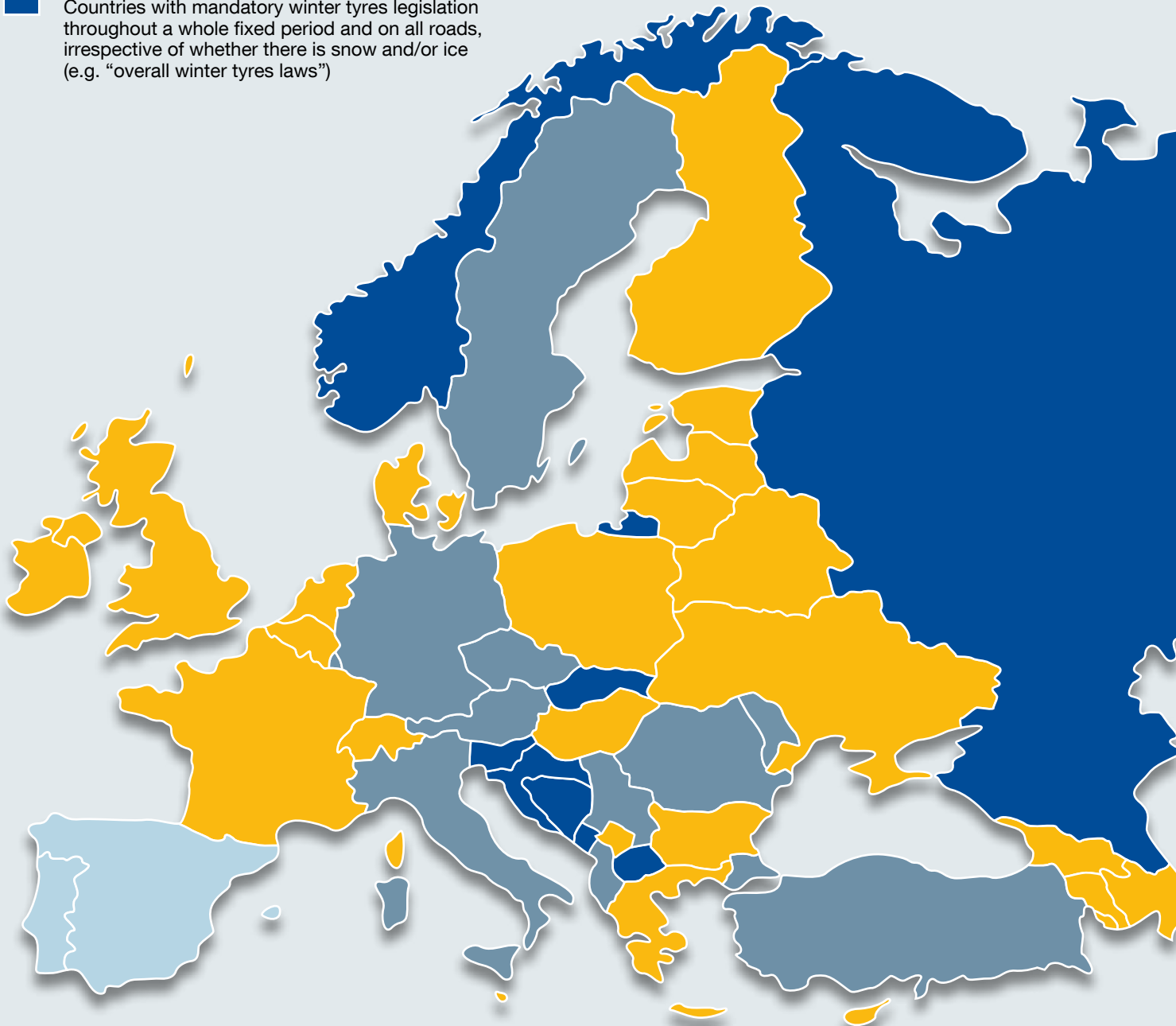


# WINTER TIRE REQUIREMENTS FOR HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN EUROPE

-  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 tyres legislation

Winter conditions

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**