



NOTICE TO THE POPULATION

WARNING OF RURAL FIRES

I. SITUATION

According to the information provided by the Portuguese Institute of Sea and Atmosphere (IPMA), it is **expected that weather conditions favourable to the outbreak of fires will continue**, namely: low relative humidity and wind intensity. **The following should be highlighted until 5th August:**

- **Wind:** moderate winds (20-40km / h) forecast from NW temporarily in the afternoon, with gusts (up to 40km / h) in particular on the west coast and highlands.
- **Humidity:** Relative air humidity (HRA) in the interior of the country (<20 to 30%), with poor recovery at night in the northern and central interior and in the eastern Algarve.

Fire risk indices are expected to remain very high until August 5, especially in the interior and Algarve regions, with expected worsening on Sunday 4th August in Trás-os-Montes.

2. EXPECTED EFFECTS

Depending on the weather forecast, it is expected:

The maintenance of very high fire risk rates in the interior and Algarve regions, and with the possibility of an aggravated situation for the Trás-os-Montes.

3. PREVENTIVE MEASURES

The National Emergency Civil Protection Authority recalls that during the CRITICAL PERIOD (July 1 to September 30) it is:



- **FORBIDDEN** to do Extensive Burns without AUTHORIZATION. Inquire at your town hall or at 808 200 520.
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- **FORBIDDEN** to use fireplaces and grills in all rural areas unless used outside critical areas and in duly authorized places.
- **FORBIDDEN** to smoke or to make any kind of fire in the forest spaces.
- **FORBIDDEN** to launch streaked balloons and rockets. The use of fireworks is only allowed with permission from the City Councils.
- **FORBIDDEN** the fumigating or disinfecting apiaries is prohibited unless fumigators have spark arrest devices.
- **FORBIDDEN** to use power shredders (except if they have nylon thread), cutters and shredders on Maximum Risk days. Avoid using disc harrows.
- **MUST USE** spark arrestors and flame arrestors on the exhaust pipes and chimneys of internal and external combustion engines on heavy-duty vehicles and 1 or 2 6 kg extinguishers, depending on whether the maximum weight is less than or greater than 10 tons.

The National Emergency and Civil Protection Authority (ANEPC) also recommends the adaptation of behaviors and attitudes to the situation of rural fire danger, namely through the adoption of the necessary prevention and precautionary measures, in the use of fire in rural spaces, observing the restrictions and paying particular attention to the evolution of the fire danger for the coming days, available on the websites of ANEPC, IPMA and the Institute for Nature and Forest Conservation, or from the City Councils and Municipal Forestry Technical Offices. Fire Department

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